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Burns takes over as interim vice president of academic affairs

Dr. Thomas A. Burns has been appointed interim vice president for academic affairs by President Elect Dr. Randall J. Webb.

Burns' appointment is effective July 1, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities.

Webb said the University will make a permanent appointment during the 1996-97 academic year.



Burns

Burns, who is also a professor of biology, has been a member of Northwestern's faculty for 28 years and was head of the Department of Life Sciences for 12 years.

He earned his doctorate at Arizona State University shortly after joining Northwestern's faculty as an assistant professor of biology in 1968.

"I have tremendous respect for Dr. Burns as a scholar and academic administrator," Webb said. "He supports high academic standards and is very student oriented. He will work closely and effectively with academic administrators and faculty in continuing to improve the quality of Northwestern's academic programs and services."

As department head, Burns was involved in program and curricula development as well as faculty supervision and evaluation. His duties also included student recruitment and problem solving, class scheduling, budget preparation and allocation of financial and facility resources. Burns also handled accreditation reports and worked with state and federal agencies and committees on research projects.

A leading researcher in comparative vertebrate physiology, Burns has authored or co-authored more than 40 major publications or presentations to regional, national and international professional organizations.

He has become a recognized expert in the use of Micro-Imaging Processing system software. This software is used for the manipulation of both vector and raster images for image interpretation and creation as well as for the creation of layers for use in Geographical Information System layers.



Webb

Burns has also received training in aerial photography interpretation of color infrared imagery and computer mapping.

As a faculty member he has obtained more than $300,000 in grants for funded research. He has been a member of the Louisiana University Marine Consortium Council since 1982 and also served as University representative to the Department of Environmental Quality Council on Higher Education.

University officials wouldn't comment on Former Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Edward Graham's release from the position.

Webb was also unavailable for comment on the matter.

Student hit by truck; killed outside bar

Jeremy Ekberg
Current Sauce

A Northwestern student was killed May 16 about 2 a.m. in Lafayette and a man has been arrested in connection with his death as well as for the attempted murder of two other men.

Eric Shane Waters, 19, of Maurice, was pronounced dead at a Lafayette hospital.

Charged with second degree murder and multiple counts of attempted murder was Robert Domingue, 23, of Lafayette, Marc Comeaux, a Lafayette police sergeant.



Waters

Domingue is accused of hitting three men, including Waters, with his truck after an exchange of words outside of a bar in a section of Lafayette commonly known as "the strip."

"We have a lot of witnesses to interview, but in essence it was an (intentional) hit-and-run," Comeaux said.

Domingue allegedly struck Tyson Demahy, 18, of Lafayette, Jeremy Norwood, 24, of Duson, and ran over Waters, who appeared to be an innocent bystander, an eyewitness said.

Domingue and his passenger, 23-year old Garrett Vinning of Lafayette, were arrested minutes later near the scene. Norwood and Demahy were both treated at a local hospital and released.

Waters had just completed his freshman year at the time of his death.

He was a student at the Louisiana Scholars' College and had been elected Senator-at-Large for the Student Government Association. He was also treasurer for Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and was the first freshman to receive the chapter's Apollo Award for chapter service. Waters was also a delegate to the Interfraternity Council and a member of the soccer team.

Over 500 graduates walk during spring commencement

Jane Gibby
Current Sauce

A total of 502 graduates received associate, bachelor and graduate degrees May 10 during Spring Commencement Exercises with Howard Heath White from Wascom, Tx receiving top honors for his 4.0 grade point average.

White, a graduate in political science, said that is was not his intention to maintain an A average. "I didn't start college with the determination of maintaining a 4.0," White said. "I did study but I didn't kill myself. It was at the end of my sophomore year that I began to realize that I might just be able to pull it off.

"Plus after I had done it for a while, I was determined not to mess it up," he said. "The first two years it just happened, but the last two I really started working at it and it became a goal."

White will attend law school after graduation. "My choices were law school or graduate school," he said. "Lawyers make a lot more money than teachers. I thought law would be the best route to go and I could always teach later on in my career."

White was not the only person to be honored for his accomplishments. Former State Sen. Donald G. Kelly and former faculty member Kenneth Larry Knotts, Sr. received honorary doctorate of humanities degrees.

Kelly served five terms in the Louisiana Senate. He retired from the Legislature in 1995. During his tenure, Kelly secured millions of dollars in projects and helped develop programs that strengthened Northwestern and helped set the stage for the University's growth over the past decade.

While in the legislature, he was cited as "Most Effective Legislature," "Best Sponsor of Legislation" and one of the "Top Ten Legislators" in polls of personnel familiar with the legislative process. Kelly was also elected into the 'N' Club Hall of Fame and to the Hall of Distinction at Northwestern.

Knotts was a member of Northwestern's faculty for 19 years. He was assistant professor of political science from 1970 until 1984 and from 1989 until 1994. Knotts was instrumental in establishing the Dodd Series of lectures on state government.

Knotts was not only a professor but an

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KNWD suffers break-in; no arrests made

David Sullivan
Current Sauce

On the night of May 13, a possible break-in took place in Northwestern's radio station, KNWD, and the NSU Press photography lab.

According to University police, the alleged intruder gained access to the radio station through a connecting door from the photography lab. Detective. Douglas Prescott said that it was difficult to tell if someone either had a key or if they had jimmied the lock to the lab.

"There is no apparent forced entry," Prescott said. "We really cannot tell if anyone has broken into it."

Muddy footprints were found in front of the door joining the lab to the station. A bookshelf that blocked the two doors together had been moved to one side.

Since the linking door to the radio station couldn't be opened, the intruder removed the ceiling panels and climbed in over the top of the wall from the photo-lab to the radio station.

Although muddy footprints were also found inside the radio station, nothing was reported stolen or damaged.

"Even though nothing was taken, we are going to have dead bolts installed in all the doors to make sure this doesn't happen again," Buddy Wollfarth, general manager

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News

Theater department holding try-outs for summer productions

Campus Connections

Freshman Connection

Northwestern's Freshman Connection Orientation program will be held June 6 - 7 and 20 - 21, and July 1 - 2 and 18 -19. The program allows incoming freshman to learn about the University, pre-register for their classes, take placement tests for English, math and reading classes, and get adjusted to college life.

Parents are encouraged to attend Parent Connection, to receive answers concerning financial aid, student services, majors and career decisions, and parenting a college freshman.

Both students and parents will meet with university administrators, faculty, staff and students.

The fee for Freshman Connection '96 is $60, which includes four meals, lodging and any general medical care that may be needed. For more information about the program, call (318) 357-5559.

Theater

Auditions for the Northwestern summer dinner theater's production of "Guys and Dolls" will be held June 9 at 2 p.m. and June 10 at 7 p.m. on the main stage of the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Auditions are open to both Northwestern students and the general public.

The musical by Frank Loesser was recently revived for the third time on Broadway and many critics consider it one of the 10 best musicals created for the New York stage. It has won Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Score and Lyrics, and Best Book, and has also received the Drama Critics Award.

Songs such as, "Luck Be a Lady" and "A Bushel and a Peck," are included in the musical's score.

Performances will be held July 11 - 14, 18 - 21 and 25 - 28. For more information about the auditions or tickets, call 357-6891.

Rec complex opens

Jeremy Ekberg
Current Sauce

Northwestern's Robert W. Wilson, Sr. Recreation Complex is now open for the summer. Anyone who is enrolled for in summer school or was enrolled in the spring can use the complex free of charge with a NSU ID.

The complex includes an Olympic-size swimming pool, a nine hole golf course, four tennis courts and a pavilion area that can be used by any chartered organization on campus, according to Liz Carroll, Assistant to the Director of Student Activities.

The complex opened for the summer season on May 25 and will be open until sometime in August. The rec complex is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon until 5:00 pm.

Memberships are available to non-students, or a one-time fee of $3 on weekends and $4 on weekdays can be paid to use the facilities. Non-students must pay a daily fee to use the facility, $3 on weekends and $4 on weekdays, or they may buy a membership.

Graduates —

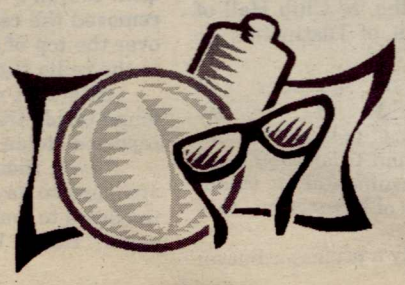
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intelligence operations specialist in the United States Air Force from 1955 until 1963. He was also a member of the Southeastern Asia Treaty Organization Joint Task Force engaged in intelligence gathering and serving as a briefing specialist. Knotts served on the Bienville Parish School Board where he was Board president and vice president.

Others to receive honors were 18 students who graduated with a grade point averages of 3.7 or better. Another 18 students received Board of Regents' Certificates of Excellence. Certificates are awarded to each student who completes the Board of Regents' suggested course work in general education with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

The commencement speaker was State Rep. Joe R. Slater of Florien.

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Features

Mind Science of the Mind's Nathan Larson in a candid interview

Mind Science of the Mind takes time out to talk about their new project

lesa thompson
Current Sauce

Mind Science of the Mind features some names that you just might be familiar with, Nathan Larson of Shudder To Think, the Dambuilders' Joan Wasser and Kevin March, and Mary Timony of Helium. They got together one day to make a little music, and the end result is Mind Science of the Mind. Believe it or not, the group was able to have their CD written and recorded in only two weeks.

Somewhere in the middle of his busy schedule, vocalist/guitarist Nathan Larson found the time to squeeze in a phone interview.

You know I had to take an instant liking to Nathan when he started off by saying that he loves New Orleans and it's his dream to have a house and just "be there in the Garden District or something."

He went to school in Washington D.C. and currently resides in New York. Surely Nathan and the rest of Mind Science will be finding their way down south on their upcoming tour to support the CD.

So, until you get the chance to check 'em out live, here's a little Mind Science of the interview type to keep you busy:

LT: First of all, where did you guys get the name of the band from?

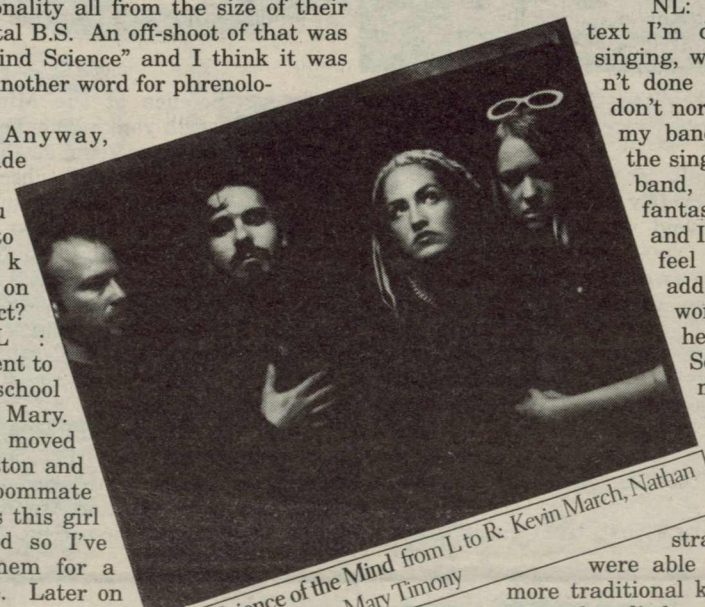
NL: Well, I'll tell ya...I don't really know! There was one episode where Mary, who is in a great band called Helium, started banging on this xylophone that she had. She was just really exhausted; we were all completely tired. Anyway, she just had this really intense, kind of scholarly look on her face and we all started calling her the mind scientist. It's one of those of things that when you're punchy and it's in the middle of the night, it strikes you as funny for some strange reason. So we all started saying "Mind Science" and I just sort of liked the phrase and the repetition of the word "Mind." Since then, I 've found out that Mind Science is an actual thing. I wouldn't call it a religion, but it's an actual field of study associated with phrenology. Do you know what phrenology is?

LT: Not hardly.

NL: I'll set it up for you. Phrenology was the study of, well, it's total B.S. first of all. Anyway, it was a 19th Century thing where they had this totally hair-brained theory that you could feel someone's head, feel the shape of their head and the lumps, and determine their level of intelligence and personality all from the size of their head. Total B.S. An off-shoot of that was called "Mind Science" and I think it was actually another word for phrenology....

LT: Anyway, what made you guys decide you wanted to work together on this project?

NL: Well, I went to high school with Mary. Then she moved off to Boston and her roommate there was this girl Joan, and so I've known them for a long time. Later on we got into our respective bands and we started doing okay, moderately okay, but I'd always wanted to work with these ladies. Eventually I just said, "Well, why don't we book some studio time and just do a record?"



Mind Science of the Mind from L to R: Kevin March, Nathan Larson, Joan Wasser, Mary Timony

LT: Is this a one-time deal, or will "Mind Science" happen again?

NL: Yeah, for sure. I love playing with these people. I'm so lucky to be able to play with these girls. They're amazing.

LT: Will ya'll go out on tour to support this?

NL: Yeah. In fact, we're planning on doing something in July. We plan on doing that in July and hopefully doing another record next year.

LT: How was this whole thing done in just two weeks? That doesn't seem like much time.

NL: No, it's not, but you can do it. See, the way that I like to do stuff is that if you place parameters around your working environment and put restrictions on yourself, then you're sort of forced to. You're like, "Okay, now I have to do this within this certain amount of time" and you've just got to do it. It's put up or shut-up.

LT: What's the difference for you between being in "Mind Science" and "Shudder to Think?"

NL: In this context I'm doing some singing, which I hadn't done before, and don't normally do in my band. I think the singer from my band, Craig, is a fantastic singer and I don't really feel like I can add much to his work, because he's so great. So, yeah, it's me singing and the arrangements are a little straighter. We were able to bring in more traditional kind of song structures and a little more classic kind of melodies. The main thing with this was that there was no pressure on this thing. We didn't even know if it was going to come out, had no idea. So, we just kinda didn't give a [damn] and did whatever felt natural to do....

LT: What are some of your main musical influences?

NL: David Bowie, Queen, Otis Redding, Prince and the stuff I really love—classic soul and funk stuff. That's all stuff that I was into when I was younger. I even used to listen to metal.

LT: What's the deal with the lyrics on the "Mind Science of the Mind" CD?

NL: What do you mean?

LT: They're kind of obscure, out-there I guess. They're not at all the straight forward "Somebody ran over my dog today and now I'm sad" kind of lyrics. Weird, but with a definite touch of something sinister.

NL: Oh, yeah. My stuff is just as evil as some of the Death Metal stuff that's out there now. I mean, isn't it?

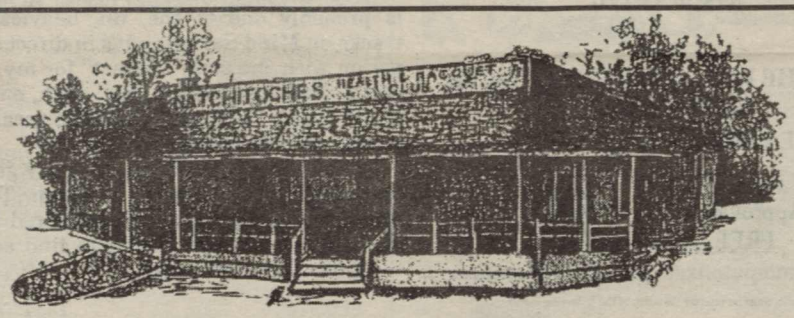
LT: Definitely. But doesn't it bother you that people may not get whatever it is that you're trying to say?

NL: Not at all. It really doesn't concern me at all. People can interpret it anyway they want to.

LT: I can see from the CD cover that you know how to play pretty much any kind of instrument.

NL: Yeah, just not well! Okay, actually, I'm pretty much self-taught. I learned bass and guitar when I was younger through the punk thing. I basically just jumped around with it and banged it on stuff until I finally made some music with it, and kind of took it from there.

That's lucky for us, and now there's "Mind Science of the Mind" around to prove it!



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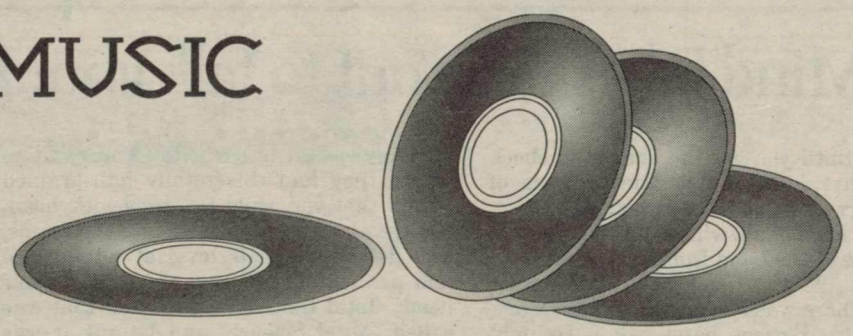
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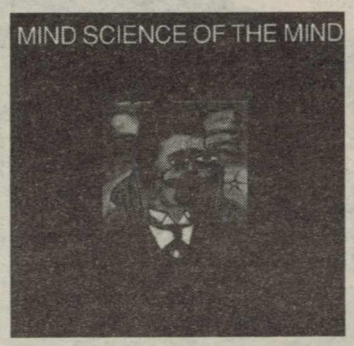
The Current Sauce has the latest music reviews

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Mind Science of the Mind
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First of all, let me state this clearly in order to avoid any chance of a possible misunderstanding: Mind Science of the Mind is NOT a Metal CD. Now I know what you're all saying—"Oh my God, she's finally turned her back on Heavy Metal!" Well, that's outright blasphemy in my book, so you'd better not even think it.

At any rate just trust me, Mind Science of the Mind was worth yanking my head out of the mausoleum for. The lyrics are somewhat obscure, yet still creepy enough to keep my interest. They make my head spin (literally) with the possibilities—"What does it mean? WHAT DOES IT MEAN!" Yet every time I think I know exactly what it's all about, I find a new twist in the labyrinth.

Songwriter Nathan Larson admitted to me that he likes to leave the meanings of the lyrics up to anybody's own interpretation "so as not to penalize the listening experience." There's a lot to be discovered in this CD, and nobody appreciates a good mystery more than I do.

The first track on Mind Science is "Infidels (When Your Hips Came Loose)," a groovy number that'll make you sing falsetto while you're heading down the highway.

Next up is "Skirts To Suffer On." It's a bit more mellow than the first track and it reminds me of listening to music that you just don't hear anymore. The vocals on this track are especially impressive. There's a lot of emotional stuff going on here.

"Your Human Spine" is fairly mellow, with a lot of range in the vocals. The drum beat reminds me of something from the Swing Era. It's kind of an odd compilation, but it works.

"Science Of The Mind" starts off with a kind of tapping noise that would certainly cause insanity in any one forced to listen to it for too long a time. Then, the song kicks in and it's all up hill from there. This is one of the ones I like best on the CD.

"Dutch Ghost Reclamation Of The City Of New York" is a way-out-there track that's got more going on musically than you could possibly imagine. There's some violin work going on here but I swear, you won't mind it. I think this is one of the best tracks on the disc.

"To The Tender (Beauty Marks/Blisters)" covers a lot of ground. At one moment it brings The Cure to mind, but the next thing you know, you're listening to one of those old-timey crooners. Granted, it's weird, but altogether it's an impressive tune.

The backing vocals on "Do You Rule?" will have you either wailing right along with them, or hating it. Either way, this is probably one of the, uh, heaviest (?) tracks on Mind Science. It's in direct competion with the song "Alwass" for my pick as the No.1 tune on the disc. Nah, on second thought, "Alwass" wins. The vocals on it are probably the best on the CD.

Anyway, to sum it all up, I say go out and get Mind Science of the Mind. There are so many musical styles covered here that I'm sure you're bound to find something that suits your taste.

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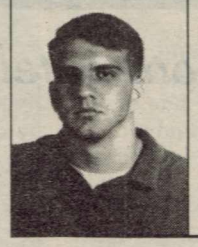
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Child abuse: conviction equals castration



The Bottom Line

Andrew*Martin*

I have been trying for some time now to get away from topics that I didn't have any hard facts or figures on, but I have to throw caution to the wind on this one and shoot from the hip.

I was in my incredibly "challenging" health ed. class and we got started discussing child abuse. There are a lot of non-traditional students in my class, many of whom have children, and I heard them talking about what they would do to someone who might molest one of their kids.

The comments all seemed to center around the death of the molester before they could even get to trial.

Sounds pretty harsh, huh?

Try not harsh enough.

Adults who molest children are the lowest of all the infected minds that walk this sick earth. And I can't see anyone making excuses for that kind of behavior.

The topic came up that when child molesters go to prison that the other inmates really "have it in" for the sick perverts. I have heard this before.

Something else that I have heard about this is that the child molesters are in some cases separated from the rest of the prisoners. To keep them safe, you know.

What kind of logic is this?

You get convicted of molesting an innocent child, tainting their life and damaging them psychologically and the state (which essentially means us, the taxpayers) will guarantee you a safe and happy prison term.

To hell with that!

I think that if you go to jail on a child molestation charge and the convicts want to beat the hell out of you or make you the "prison sweetheart of cell block C", then so be it.

If your prison career consists of a lot of time spent bent over in the shower because of a child molestation charge, tough. You should have thought of that before you started feeling romantic about your 4-year-old next door neighbor.

What kind of message are we sending society when child molesters are given preferential treatment in prison? Go ahead, rape our children, we'll sit on our asses and do nothing.

If you get convicted of child molestation, maybe you should die. Sounds really harsh, but why should an individual be allowed the opportunity to molest again if they get paroled?

Get arrested on molestation charges, go to trial, get convicted and get taken somewhere secluded and shot in the back of the head. KGB style justice.

Bet people would think twice about asking little kids to dig things out of their pockets, wouldn't they?

What about castration as an option?

Works for me. Maybe a lack of "proper equipment" would put a damper on someones efforts to molest a child. I saw my brother's dog settle down in a big way following what I termed as his "unfortunate operation."

Maybe I should lighten up some.

After all, child molesters are people too, right?

Perhaps they should have a choice between castration and death. That sounds like a pretty fair plan.

All in all, it just really frustrates the hell out of me that child molesters aren't treated any harsher than they are. The government takes a stand on the problem by making convicted child molesters notify their neighbors of the fact that they are disgusting, bottom-feeding vermin that victimize children.

Wow.

I admit that something is a lot better than nothing, but stiffer sentencing and no protection after they get into jail seems like a better deterrent to me.

What it all boils down to is the government needs to do a better job of protecting our children from these real-life monsters by punishing them to the extreme.

Sports

Northwestern athletes making headlines

Bean takes home All-America honors

Terrance Bean, one of Northwestern's high jumpers, won All-America honors May 30 with a ninth place finish at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Bean, a junior, cleared 7-1 but missed three attempts at 7-2 1/2 and had to settle for ninth place. He finished third at the NCAA Indoors in March, but missed a month of the outdoor season due to a broken right hand that required surgery in April.

He won the 24th All-American award in Leon Johnson's 14 seasons as the Demon track and field coach.

"It's always great to earn such an honor," Johnson said, "but to be honest, Terrance is really disappointed because he believed he was capable of winning.

"He missed too much training because of the injury and surgery, and I think it had an effect tonight," Johnson said.

Bean won the Southland Conference championship two weeks ago, clearing 7-3. He got over 7-4 1/2 indoors to provisionally qualify for the U.S. Olympic Trials, upcoming in June.

Also competing was senior Sidney Montague. He was 16th in the long jump, recording a 24-3 1/2 mark and qualified with a career best, 25-10, April 27.

Montague also is a provisional qualifier for the Olympic Trials.

"Sidney had a great career for us," Johnson said. "I know he would have liked to finish higher in his only NCAA meet."

NSU Baseball players earn recognition

One of Northwestern's baseball players, Nick Simokatis, was named to the Louisiana Sportswriters Association All-Louisiana baseball second team and to the All-Southland Conference first team.

Simokatis, a senior from St. Louis, batted .352 with eight home runs and 52 runs batted in for the season. He also became Northwestern's single-season record holder with 18 hit by pitches. His 19 career hit by pitches ranks second all time behind Terry Joseph's 30. Joseph was the 1995 Louisiana Player of the Year and owner of three single season totals.

"Nick had an outstanding senior season, despite playing with a knee injury most of the year," Dave Van Horn, head baseball coach, said. "He was the team leader and seemed to always get the key hit when we needed one. He is definitely deserving of this honor."

Robert Hewes, a junior from Mesa, Ariz., was also named to the Louisiana Sportswriters second team. He batted .310 with 54 runs scored, 67 hits, 49 runs batted in and a school record 47 walks. His 54 runs scored was the most in a single season by a player other than Joseph.

"I'm really happy for Robert and Nick," Van Horn. "They worked hard this year. These two set the tone for us on offense and were our top two hitters with runners on base."

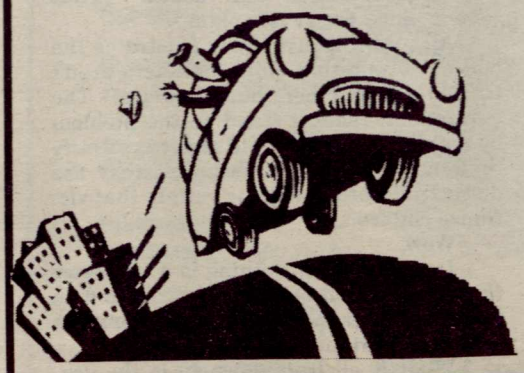
Four other Northwestern players were named to the All-Southland second team. Shortstop Tony Pezely, a junior from Salt Lake City; third baseman Fred Ortega, a junior from New York; and pitchers Zach Martin, a senior from Roxton, Texas, and Rick Metcalfe, a junior from Brockville, Ontario.

"Pezely and Ortega gave us steady defense on the left side of the infield all season long," Van Horn said. "Martin and Metcalfe were the backbone of the pitching staff. We could count on those two to give us a quality start every time they pitched."

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Webb discusses Northwestern's future; upcoming plans

Jeff Burkett
Current Sauce

"In the area of academics, we are going to be looking at potential reorganization, to give it [academics] a more traditional structure," said the new president of Northwestern, Dr. Randall Webb on some of the ideas and directions that he has for Northwestern in the years to come.

Webb, who recently became the University's 17th president, has his hands full this summer. He is not only faced with the arduous task of taking over presidential responsibilities, he is currently running his old office, Dean of Instruction and Graduate Studies. When asked about naming a new head for that office, Webb commented that no successor had been appointed as of yet.

"We will probably be looking at dividing those duties, possibly a Dean of Graduate Studies and Research and disseminating some of the duties to the department," he said. "Heads for the undergraduate students."

With the outgoing Alost administration, Webb is very pleased with the co-operation and help he has received from not only Alost, but from the entire school as well.

"I appreciate the benefit of Dr. Alost's wisdom during this time," Webb said. "And also for the fact that he has allowed me the opportunity to move into his office during this transitional period and become accustomed to functioning in this new environment."

As for the students, Webb is very aware of the problems and needs of the student population. "I want to keep NSU's policy of where students come first," Webb said.

Many plans are being discussed with the faculty, everything from housing to the enormous parking problem.

"When I came to Northwestern," Webb said. "I lived in the old west wing of Caspari and if the funds are available, I would like to see some of the buildings [dorms] renovated, and especially Caspari, but only if it is feasible."

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of KNWD, said.

KNWD has also coordinated with University police to have more security checks at night by patrolling officers.

According to the police, the identity of the intruder is still unknown at this time.

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Real-life tornado chasers in Oklahoma

Lisa Hix
College Press Service

University of Oklahoma graduate student Steve Weygandt recalls chasing a series of tornadoes through Kansas.

The lead tornado, lean and elegant like an elephant's trunk, raced through the countryside on April 26. 1991. Weygandt raced along with it, zigzagging along section lines.

The phenomenon enthralled Weygandt and his companions. Then, they realized-the tornado was headed for Wichita, Kan. The chasers got caught in traffic as the tornado hit a nearby town, Haysville, Kan.

"What we could see looked like pieces of paper flying," Weygandt said. "But I knew it was parts of a building."

For the first time, Weygandt understood the destructive power of tornadoes. The tornado plowed over Interstate-35. hit the outskirts of Wichita and headed toward the suburb of Andover.

The chasers lost the storm. It got dark. They listened to the radio to hear how bad it was.

Seventeen died, and 225 were injured. The tornado demolished a trailer park, 84 homes and 14 businesses.

As high as the fatality number seems, tornadoes kill fewer people today than they did in the past. Tornado deaths in the United States have declined since 1925, according to statistics from the National Weather Service. The following years show peak amounts of deaths:

- 794 died in 1925
- 361 died in 1974
- 94 died in 1986
- 33 died in 1993

Chasers contribute to the continuing decrease.

"The more we see and study, the more we can learn about tornadoes, the more we can help people," Weygandt said.

John Dutch, Norman fire chief and director of civil defense, said OU storm chasers help civil defense by relaying information.

Oklahoma's natural laboratory draws meteorologists from across the United States. Hot air from the northwest deserts forms a seal over Oklahoma, preventing storms from forming. When moisture from the Gulf of Mexico breaks the seal, violent storms often occur.

"This is the best place to see thunderstorms and tornadoes," Weygandt said. "The stuff you see here-there is nothing else like it in the world."

Chasers keep an eye out for a specific sort of strong winds, high moisture levels and atmospheric instability-the ingredients of a tornado.

The tornado season begins in mid-March and ends in mid-June. Once chasers forecast a severe thunderstorm, they pack up their equipment and head out.

Often, they leave before the storm forms, hoping they will see a tornado. They collect data on lightning, temperature, pressure. moisture, wind direction and wind speed. They study tornado structure.

Jonathan Finch. an OU meteorology graduate student, said chasing helps him forecast future tornadoes more

"If on a certain day, I don't see a tornado when I thought the ingredients were there, I try to figure out why there weren't any tornadoes," Finch said.

Most chasers love atmospheric phenomena. They love seeing tornadoes and thunderstorms.

Jerry Brotzge, OU meteorology graduate student, said roughly 10 graduate students, 10 undergraduates and a handful of faculty chase. They chase for enjoyment as well as academic studies.

Weygandt is a meteorology doctoral student and staff researcher for the Center for Analysis and Prediction of Storms. He creates computer models used to predict tornadoes.

"Chasing is a way of seeing in the real world what we are trying to see on the computers," he said.

Weygandt likes the challenge of forecasting and anticipating where a tornado will form.

"It's like a big jigsaw puzzle, and you have to put all the pieces together," he said.

Meteorology graduate student Jerry Brotzge also researched by chasing. He chased for the Verification of the Origin of the Rotation in Tornadoes Experiment sponsored by the National Severe Storms Laboratory.

Chasers rarely see tornadoes. Twisters are usually visible for about five minutes, but their visibility can range from seconds to an hour.

Weygandt said trained meteorologists face the most hazards from lightning and driving. Jack Caster, a 41-year-old cameraman for KOTV in Tulsa, was killed April 22, when the car he was driving slid off a rain-slicked highway.

The actual tornado is a different story.

"It's not as dangerous as people might think," Weygandt said. "Everyone thinks we're totally crazy, that you have to have a death wish to go out.' Though chasers are experts at dodging death tornadoes can cause, that doesn't eliminate the fear of the destruction.

"I worry about it," Weygandt said. "I can get myself out of the way, but I can't move a building. If a tornado has a house in its sights, there's nothing you can do."

Chasing may seem more glamorous on the big screen, as in the newly released movie "Twister," starring Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton.

But Finch said most chases are boring. Trained meteorologists see a tornado on about every eighth chase. When they do see a tornado doing damage, the devastation can be shocking.

Weygandt chased the Tulsa tornado of April 24, 1993. The chasers knew they faced a destructive storm. The twister killed seven people in northeast Tulsa.

Weygandt said he saw the devastation on the way home after dark. School buses lay on their sides, thrown onto the interstate from where they were parked.

About 30 ambulances blared sirens and flashed lights. and three helicopters shined spotlights. Frames stood where buildings had been. Piles of debris stood 5-feet and lO-feet high.

"It was like a disaster movie," Weygandt said. "I had never seen anything like it before. It was mind boggling to picture that much destruction."

Seeing the injured can be more shocking than material devastation. Weygandt encountered his first victim in the Sept. 2, 1992, tornado south of Lexington.

When chasers drove over a hill, they saw a dirty red column swirling.

"I saw what looked like a board in the road," he said. "Then it sat up. It was a person sitting in the road."

A pickup truck had turned over. The cab was crushed.

The driver had been thrown out the window and onto the interstate. The man was in shock. For five minutes, he did nothing but mumble. He had a gash over his eye and a deep cut on his lower back. An ambulance took the man away, and the chasers continued the chase.

"It really shook me up," Weygandt said. "Tornadoes are so elusive-a needle in the haystack-until you have seen one first-hand, you have no concept how powerful they are."

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are upon us, and not a moment too soon.

Ya know it almost strikes me as being kinda weird, having to review a CD like this. I mean, my inherent reaction was to say, "Nah, no point. Everybody in the world is familiar with the warlike and hostile sounds of Pantera."



Then I got to thinking, well what about all those poor saps who might say, "Yeah, but what if they don't sound like before? What if it's not what I expected?" (Does the phrase "sell-out" ring a bell? Of course it does). But let me set your mind at ease—This is absolutely the most brutal album you could possibly try to deafen yourself with!

Once you pop The Great Southern Trendkill into your stereo, there's no turning back. Phillip wastes no time reminding us exactly why it is that his is the voice behind Far Beyond Driven, the album that's sold over 2 million copies world wide. If you want outright aggression, he's the man you need to listen to. But I'll tell you something else—Phillip's also got a range to his voice that I don't think a lot of people are willing to give him credit for. A bit of this range is evident on the song "10's." Not only can Phillip push his voice to cover a lot of territory, but his vocals carry a lot of emotion in them. Need proof? Check out the tune "Suicide Note Pt. I." You'll be ready to open your own veins before it's all over with, it's so depressing. Just don't get too comfortable with the idea—"Suicide Note Pt. II" comes right behind it and won't let you get off nearly that easy!

Then of course, if it's aggressive guitar work that you're looking for, Dimebag's your man. The axe-work on The Great Southern Trendkill is nothing less than the musical carnage Pantera fans all over the world have come to expect. Dimebag Darrell gives us a killer groove to jam with on "Drag the Waters," as opposed to the fast and furious tempo of "Living Through Me (Hells' Wrath)" and "(Reprise) Sandblasted Skin."

Let's not forget the rhythm section either. Bassist Rex and drummer Vinnie Paul can hold their own with anybody, and come out way ahead of the game. Check out the songs "The Great Southern Trendkill" and "13 Steps to Nowhere" and you'll understand exactly what I mean. 'Nuff said.

So even if you're strapped for cash (what college student isn't?) that's no excuse. Believe me, The Great Southern Trendkill is more than worth all the extra chores you'll have to do in order to save up some grub.

Oh yeah—Pantera will be kicking off the world tour in June and are going to be accompanied by White Zombie and EYEHATEGOD (one of my favorite bands!). Be sure to check them out July 11 in New Orleans at the Lakefront Arena, July 12 in Houston at the Summit, or July 15 at the Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio.



Perpetua
Irrational
Pavement Music

Perpetua got together in 1991 in, of all places, Argentina. Now, don't get me wrong, I'm sure La Argentina's a very nice place. It's just that it's not exactly the first place that comes to mind when you think of hard-hitting, knock-you-down Death Metal. But believe me, that's exactly what you'll find on Irrational.

Vocalist Jorge "Kascote" Vazquez goes at the lyrics like he's trying to eradicate the entire world armed with nothing more than the sheer aggression in his voice. I took one listen to Irrational and immediately ranked Kascote as one of the best I've ever heard. He's somehow found a way to capture total vocal annihilation without sacrificing one single scintilla of the quality of his voice. His originality carves for him a niche among the best of the best, guaranteed.

Furthermore, I'm always interested not only in how a singer gets his message across, but also in what it is that he's actually trying to say. Stupid lyrics don't excite me at all, and I often find them more boring to listen to than anything else. But lyrics are another one of Perpetua's strong points on Irrational. They seem to have a hell of a lot to say about the world around them and everyone in it.

Perpetua's guitarist, German Biondo, is able to achieve a sound that's both raw and polished at the same time. I know that this probably seems like a contradiction in terms, but somehow, concerning the guitar work on Irrational, it's really not. Biondo gets some pretty interesting sounds on the disc, and he seems like he's not afraid to take a chance on something a bit different if he feels that it works. And believe me, all the noise on Irrational works. From the bass lines of Diego Rodriguez to the synthesizers in the mix, Perpetua's Irrational has it down tight.

In essence, Irrational is one of those CD's that you just have to add to your collection. Otherwise, you'll be missing out on one of the best releases of 1996.

Third Stone
Hack
Hammerhead Records

You just gotta admire a band whose liner credits read, "special thanks to ourselves - without whom none of this would be possible."

Now, when a band can back-up that kind of attitude with actual talent, as is the case with third stone, then it's obvious that we have a winner on our hands. Well, you know me, I love a band with attitude, especially when they actually have a reason for it.

The latest third stone release, hack , covers a good bit of musical territory. If you're an avid reader of my column (of course), then I'm sure you've realized by now that I only classify music into two major categories—Metal and "other stuff." (Otherwise broken down into "The things that do not suck" and "The things that do."). Now, with this in mind, I'll say this much about hack— it may not exactly fit into the Metal category, but it still goes under "The things that do not suck." It's absolutely worth checking out. Third stone cross the boundary between Metal and Rock, and have just enough of either sound to keep the fans of both genres happy.

Some of the heavier tunes include "worms," "mortal coil" and "nothing," which has some really cool vocals. The heaviest tune on hack is "i.o.w.a." and is my pick for the CD's best song. It's got a lot of groove and the growl-type vocals often associated with the harder-edged bands. "Soft spot" gives the vocalist (and guy who doesn't carry equipment) Bryce Johnson a chance to show off his range a bit.



The only down side to hack, if it could even be called that, is a 12-minute live version of a song called "smeg." (Sorry guys, but I just don't have that kind of attention span. Who knows?—Maybe I suffer from that Attention Deficiency Disorder I heard about on 20/20. Or at least as much of it as I could stand to sit there and watch.) So in all fairness to third stone, it may have more to do with my mental instability than anything they did in the song.

Now, for my overall opinion of hack, I say the CD jams and it's definitely worth listening to.

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Northwestern Athletic Director retirement announced

Northwestern will lose one of its cornerstones in the area of athletics later this month.

On June 30, Athletic Director Tynes Hildebrand, who will again retire, had a 44-year affiliation with the University.

In a letter to President Randall Webb, Hildebrand reflected on the several years Northwestern played an important role in his life.

The letter is as follows:

"As of June 30, 1996, I will be resigning my position as athletic director at Northwestern State University. My 44-year relationship with this great university is a source of tremendous pride and appreciation for my family arid me.

I arrived at Northwestern; a student athlete in 1950 with much hope and many dreams. Looking back over the past five decades I can honestly say that many of these goals have been exceeded.

Northwestern State is a haven for great people, and I've been extremely fortunate to learn and work with some of the best, Dr. John Kyser, the first president for whom I worked as basketball coach, was a tremendous educator. Jack Clayton was the athletic director who hired me, and I will always remember his sense of fairness white treasuring his friendship.

Legislators such as Rep. Jimmy Long and Sen. Don Kelly have spent a great deal of their time helping Northwestern obtain funding, steps which have allowed us to improve our athletic facilities.

During my 14 1/2 year tenure as athletic director. we developed an outstanding internship program. These young men and women wore many hats during. their stay and I am proud that they now hold key positions in athletic departments throughout the country.

Our teams have competed successfully in the Southland Conference despite having the league's smallest budget. This is a tribute to our coaches, who are to be commended for their teaching techniques that allow them to consistently get the most out of their talent.



Hildebrand

The athletic department undertook a serious approach to fund raising in the early 1980s, and our success in this area has allowed us to continue to field competitive teams Natchitoches has supported this university more than the population of any other conference school.. Our graduates have donated funds and offered their support, two attributes which have figured greatly in our success.

During my 15-year basketball coaching career, I spent many hours with some of the finest young men this university has ever produced. My respect and love for all of them has grown through the years.

My wife and two sons graduated from Northwestern so the university has indeed been like a family to me. I will forever be grateful for what this institution has meant to me, and am forever thankful for the opportunities it has allowed me to enjoy God bless to all and ... GO DEMONS!!!"

Webb acknowledges Hildebrand and his many accomplishments as a fellow Northwestern alumnus and university administrator.

"Tynes and Julia Hildebrand rank among the finest people it has been my pleasure to know," Webb said. "I not only count Tynes as a dear friend, I consider him to be a top-notch administrator. Under his capable leadership Northwestern's intercollegiate athletics program has grown and prospered. This is a tribute to Tynes love for Northwestern as well as his leadership skills."

"I asked Coach Hildebrand to consider remaining as athletic director for a few months until we were able to select a replacement: however, I respect his decision to retire at this time and leave the interim responsibilities to someone else," Webb said. "I wish him and his family the best in the future. I encourage Tynes to offer his wise counsel to me and continue

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NSU students participate in federal archeological project

Some of Northwestern's archaeological students really dig their work at Cane River Creole National Historic Park site. The National Park Service recently began a one-month archaeological search for artifacts and clues into the history of the Magnolia Plantation site.

This dig marks the first phase of a $4 million federal project to turn part of the 160-year old plantation into a historic preservation area within the National Park Service system. The special resource study will identify and evaluate alternatives for managing, preserving, interpreting historic structures, sites and landscapes within the Cane River area of northwestern Louisiana.

According to crew chief, Marc Tiemann, the diggers are currently testing the soil for hot spots.

"We're drilling auger tests every 25 feet," he said. "This is a test where you drill a hole one foot in diameter with an auger bit. After they dig the hole, the students go behind them and sift the dirt to check for artifacts. Then we take the information and draw up distribution maps which tell us where the hot spots are on the site."

"We are trying to systematically test the entire property," Tiemann said. "Once we draw up our maps and analyze our materials, we'll come back out and dig real excavation units."

At this stage of the dig, significant artifacts haven't yet been found.

"We've found mostly bricks, ceramics, nails and glass so far, nothing real significant, he said. "We've found a few features, possibly a brick pier. However, we already have an idea where the hot spots are going to be."

Northwestern's students are participating in this dig as part of a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service.

"It's a cooperative agreement that the National Park Service has with universities in the areas that we investigate," Tiemann said. "So usually we'll try to work up an agreement to hire local students to participate. The students can earn money and get experience in their field."

Angelica Kraushaar a Scholars' College senior from Alexandria seems to enjoy "playing in the dirt."

"I'm measuring the layers of soil where it changes color," Kraushaar said. "Then I compare it to the samples in the book and record all the information down. It's not the most exciting part of the job but I do get to back fill (put the dirt back into the holes)."

The crew will finish this phase of the project by July 3.



Northwestern's professor of anthropology, Dr. Hiram "Pete" Gregory (right) looks on as students Jay Gray (middle) and John Rawls (left) record their findings

News

Campus Briefs

Freshman Connection

The second session of Freshman Connection, a summer orientation program for incoming students will be June 20-21. Two additional sessions will be held July 1-2 and 18-19.

The two days of activities include preregistration for fall classes and placement tests in math, English and reading. By preregistering for fall classes, students can schedule classes at their convenience before classes fill. When they return for the fall semester, the registration process will be complete except for fee payment.

A parent orientation program, Parent Connection, will also be held simultaneously to answer questions that parents may have about university life. Sessions for the parents will include discussions on parenting a college freshman, financial aid, student services, majors and career decisions and more.

The incoming freshman will be assisted by current Northwestern students who will work directly with incoming students to answer questions and help them through the start of their college career.

The fee for Freshman Connection '96 is $60 which includes four meals, lodging and any general medical care that may be needed.

Miss Louisiana Results

A Northwestern student finished in the Top 10 in the annual Miss Louisiana Scholarship Pageant, last Saturday in Monroe.

Farrah Reyna, Miss Louisiana Forest Festival finished in the Top 10. Reyna was fourth runner up.

Leigh Cole, the current Miss Louisiana Lagniappe and Rose Anne Triggs, Miss Natchitoches - City of Lights, won non-finalist talent awards.

Northwestern was also represented by Jennifer Fox of Haughton, the current Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet, and Christy Moncrief of Natchitoches, Miss Louisiana Sportsman's Festival.

Webb strives for more communication and excellence in the University

Jane Baldwin-Gibby
Current Sauce

With over nine Northwestern programs up for elimination, recently chosen Northwestern President Randall Webb has his hands full.

Webb has several goals he would like to see accomplished during his presidency.

"Probably first and foremost, I would like Northwestern to emphasize excellence in all the facets of its operations [such as] teaching, providing services for students," he said. "Beyond that it comes to any portion of the University's operations that has to do with our relationships with people. This is something that I consider to be extremely important."

Webb further explained that he would like to see the faculty emphasize and promote excellence.

"I would like to create a cultured Northwestern," he said. " I want to emphasize an atmosphere that builds people up to their fullest potential."

Webb stressed that he would like Northwestern to have an "excellent system of communication." He explained that many of the problems students have are not heard by the people who can do something about it.

"I want an excellent system of communication from the University leadership to people within the University," he said. " I hope to express this organizationally and technologically. Technologically, I want to put students in

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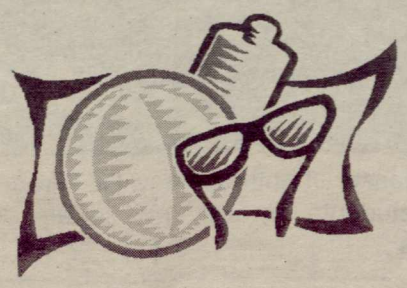
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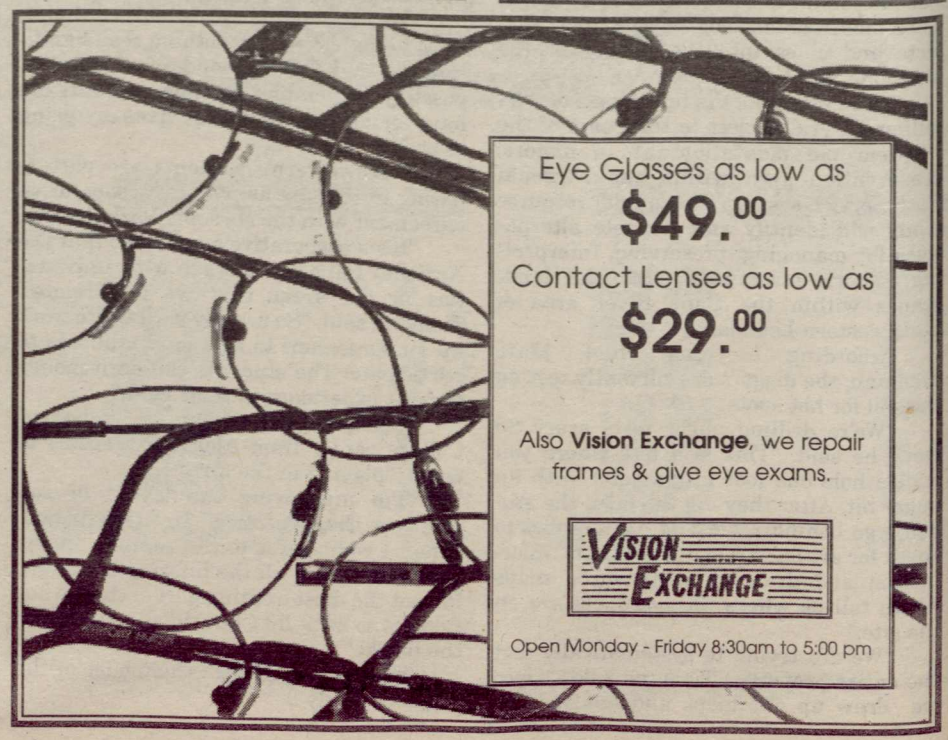
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Features

Northwestern's Dinner Theater to perform "Guys and Dolls"

The sights and sounds of New York City in the 1950's will come to life in Northwestern State University's Summer Dinner Theatre production of "Guys and Dolls" July 11-14, 18-21 and 25-28.

NSU Theatre Creative Director Dr. Jack Wann's goal is to present this fable just as it was meant to be portrayed. "Damon Runyon's characters are bigger than life and they are much more fabulous than realistic," Wann said. "So when you have people named Harry the Horse, Angie the Ox, and Nicely-Nicely, they are considered characters in every since of the word. In all aspects of the show, I intend to present the fable that it was intended to be.

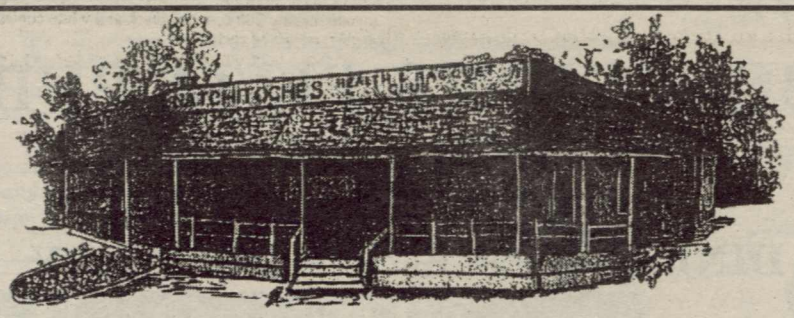
"I don't want it to appear totally realistic," Wann added. "It's about an era, so the costumes will be more colorful than colorful, the settings will be vivid with vibrant colors and the entire production will look more cartoonish where everything is a little bolder than in an ordinary musical. From the director's stand-point this is the production of a fable."

Wann has named his cast and crew for the play. Debra Fontenot will be the stage manager, while Jim Hart will be the technical director.

Brother Michael David Elverstrom will be doing the artist design and Chrissy Wright is back this year to choreograph the show. "We are hoping to do a lot of really fun things with some very familiar numbers particularly with 'Sit Down Your Rockin' the Boat,'" Wann stated. "This is Chrissy's second year to choreograph our summer show. She did an exceptionally good job the last time she was with us. She is able to work fast and well with people who do not have a lot of dance training."

The "Guys and Dolls" cast consists of Stephanie Hodgdon as Sarah Brown, Richard Rudd as Sky Masterson, Seine Liles as Miss Adelaide, Ryan Glorioso as Nathan Detroit, Randy Thompson as Benny Southstreet and Dale Higginbotham as Nicely-Nicely Johnson.

P.J. Davis was cast as Mimi, the Havana dancer and lead Hot Box Girl. Davis will also serve as dance captain. The Hot Box Girls consist of Leah Dunn, Deven McNair and Rachel Sennett. Tony Smith will play Arvide Abernathy, Ivory Simon is Big Jule, Jay DeFelice is Brannigan and Ty Morris is Harry the Horse. Also cast were Allison Brewster as General Cartwright, Biandrica Cole as Agatha, Jhan Joiner as Priscilla and Annie Fackler as Martha. Brandon Mitchell will play Rusty Charlie, Chris Melder is Society Max and John Dollar is Angie the Ox. For more information on "Guys and Dolls," contact Wann at (318) 357-6891.



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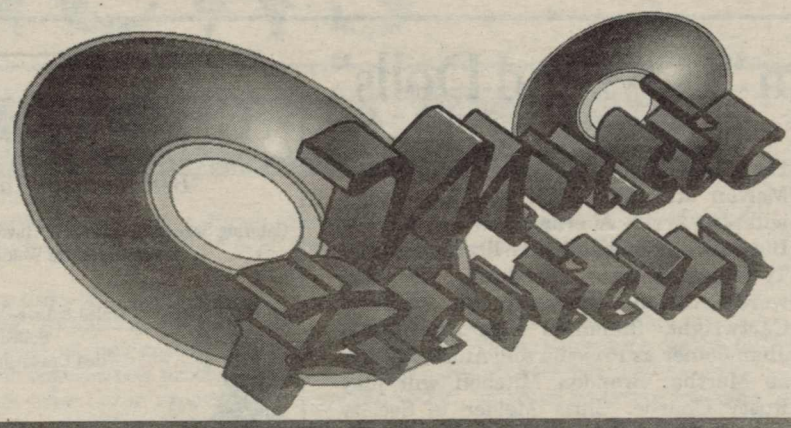
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Bludgers
Better Off At Home
Hammerhead
Records



Ordinarily, mellow music tends to either irritate my nervous system or bore me to the point of tears. But I can honestly say that the Bludgers' Better Off At Home doesn't do either.

Although the sound is laid-back and easy-going, the Bludgers are musically talented enough to keep my interest. The many acoustical sounds on this record, including the acoustic bass work, gives a fullness to the Bludgers sound. Better Off At Home isn't lacking anything at all.

With their bluesy feel at times, this is definitely the music you should listen to when you're in the mood to take your shoes off, relax and chill out for a while. It's a big switch from the hostile sounds that I ordinarily listen to, but hey, even I need a break from time to time. And if I have my druthers, this is precisely what I'll be spending my quiet time listening to.

The vocals are excellent with a good groove. The vocals for "Tomorrow in Australia" bring to mind the Counting Crows in a much better, not whiny and aggravating, kind of way. Let me explain it to my regular readers this way—if you want to listen to someone who can actually sing the lyrics to his songs, rather than growl them out at the absolute bottom of the mix, then I recommend the Bludgers to you strongly.

If you're into bands who can cause their instruments to make music instead of noise, then Better Off At Home is the record for you. Be sure to check out the guitar work on "History of the World." You'll be impressed with what you hear in this one.

Lyrically, I think the best songs are "Rules In This Town," "Too Much Joy," and "It's About Time." (Being a bit close-minded at times, I know I tend to sometimes rag certain bands a little bit too harshly regarding their lyrics.) But fortunately for the Bludgers, Better Off At Home has given me no cause to do such a thing.

Now, I'm not into labeling bands enough to know whether the Bludgers' Better Off At Home should be put into the alternative category or not. (I think "Roots Rock" is the term used in the bio.) However, what I do know is that this definitely classifies as actual music— not "grinding" or "pounding" anything—just good ole music.

So how's that for a change? I know, it's unbelievable. But you should give the Bludgers a chance and check out Better Off At Home. I think you'll be quite happy you did and besides that, you know you have to love a band whose name means "someone who sponges free drinks and bums smokes" in Aussie slang.

FREE RANGE CHICKEN
Chateau
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I have no idea what to call this particular style of music. Free Range Chicken is kind of punky, kind of funky, kind of somewhere between the two. Its

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Our View

The "buzz" on campus lately seems to involve the potential movement of Scholar's College from their comfy little home in what will soon be the "new and improved" Russell Hall to a much less-specialized Williamson Hall, current home of the Division of Business.

The university's motivation behind this move apparently stems from efforts to try to get the Division of Business accredited.

Well, if the school has to unseat the LSC to keep a program as large as the Division of Business on campus, then the move should without a doubt be made.

It is important for NSU's future to keep as diverse a range of programs on this campus as possible. President Webb has mentioned his dedication to trying to keep programs here, and this is a great opportunity for him to take measures to prove that dedication to the students and alumni.

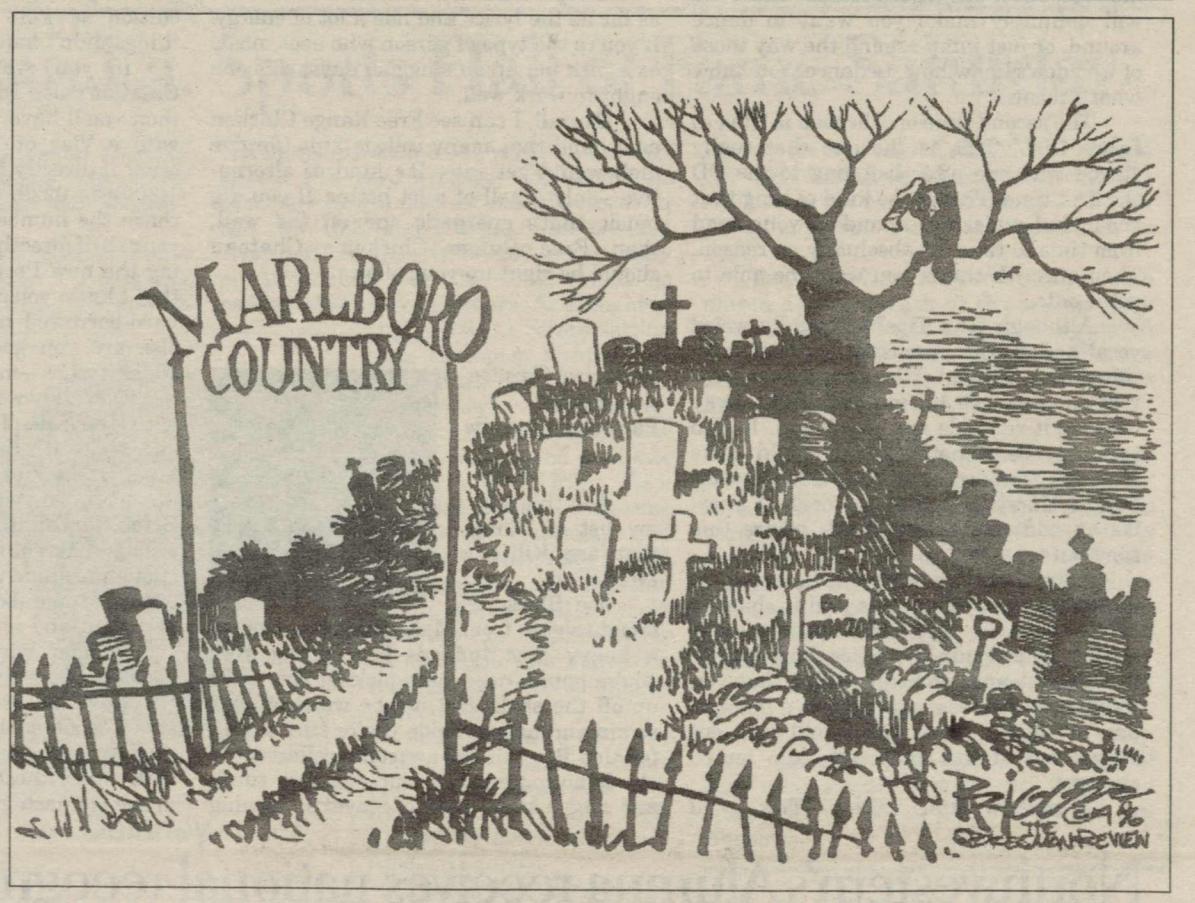
The university, along with Webb, should also begin making moves to show the students that it is concerned with the student body as a whole, and that it will not accommodate a very small, yet vocal contingent of liberal arts students when a bigger program is at stake.

Current university numbers show something like 250 to 300 students enrolled in LSC, while there are around 1,300 business majors (those numbers do not reflect the number of business minors and people who have to take business courses in their core).

Combine these numbers with the fact that Russell Hall has over twice the square footage of Williamson and the move suddenly begins to look very logical.

Yes, all of the renovations to Russell were made with the intention of moving the LSC back into the building, but hey, life can be a real bitch sometimes and we don't always get what we want or what we think we deserve.

The university needs to look beyond local and campus politics and do what is right for the student body as a whole and do anything possible to keep the Division of Business on this campus.



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Government needs to "butt-out" of tobacco industry



The Bottom Line

Andrew*Martin*

One of President Clinton's little pet peeves appears to be smoking. He has made stopping smoking one of his token goals in order to further waste taxpayer money and make his sloppy, backwoods ass look better.

Well, I don't think that the "war" on smoking is a particularly good, bright or even necessary move.

Admittedly, smoking is not the best habit that one can pick up. Studies have shown rather conclusively that smoking does all kinds of nasty things to your lungs, throat, etc., etc.

But, since when is it the government's place to determine when or how we poison ourselves?

Perhaps the regulation of smoking in public areas has its place, since non-smokers definitely need to have the right to protect themselves from other people's poisons, but the Clintonistas need to get out of the rest of the issue.

One of the arguments for government regulation of the tobacco industry is that the tobacco companies manipulate the amount of nicotine that is in their tobacco.

Probably so. I wouldn't doubt it. But, why should the government get involved?

No one forces anyone else to smoke. Everyone knows the risks involved with starting smoking. I sincerely doubt that anyone in the world, with the exception of people who may be frozen in glaciers, does not know all of the risks, including addiction, that go along with smoking.

This being the case, what does it matter if the tobacco companies manipulate their products? Should it be the government's place to level the playing field for everyone all of the time?

The answer to that is a big "no." Everyone has come to rely on our oversized government to bail us out of any kind of difficulty that we may encounter. Well, it sure as hell should not work that way when it comes to things like smoking.

It you put yourself at risk, then you should have to pay the price. The government should have better things to worry about than your cancer-infested ass.

People also argue that this ineffectual war on smoking should continue due to all of the health costs generated by tobacco-related cancers and other illnesses.

Nope. Wrong again.

Want to cut the cost of health care for people who smoke? Don't pay for illness or cancers that have been brought about by smoking. And what about long-term care for people who will not quit, despite the fact that is continuing to damage their health? It should not exist.

If you have a tobacco-related illness and you were alive when tobacco products first displayed a surgeon general's warning, then screw you. No health care. You did it to yourself and there is no sense in people with a clean bill of health having to pay for your mistakes.

It is not right for the government to continue to ask its citizens to pay for the mistakes and follies of others. If you know that you are poisoning yourself, then we, the rest of America, should not have to pay for it.

Music Reviews cont.

really upbeat music with a lot of energy. At times it reminds me of Concrete Blonde, but other times it brings back memories of Blondie.

The first track is called "Doing It for the Kids." The lyrics don't altogether knock me over, but it has a good tempo. This song will definitely make you want to dance around, or just jump around the way those of who don't know how to dance. You know what I mean.

The second tune on Chateau is "(I'm a) Space Girl." This is the one that really stayed with me after listening to the CD the first time. This is the kind of song that you'll find whizzing around in your head from time to time for absolutely no reason. Then once it's there, you won't be able to get it out.

Although "Rib Tips" has really weird vocal action, the percussion's pretty cool. "Mescaline Drive," with its rather raw vocals, was a big hit with me right away because it reminds me of a friend. It also seems to be something that could come from the soundtrack of Pulp Fiction with Debbie Harry (Blondie) on vocals. I know it's an odd combo, but that's where this song puts me.

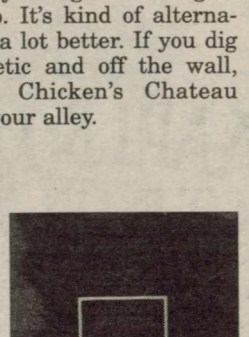
"Stoner Girl" is easily the best song on Chateau. I love the vocals and it changes tempo in all the right places, with a killer chorus. Once again the lyrics don't appear to be about any particular thing, but you won't notice unless you make it a point to pay attention. Otherwise you'll just get caught up in the music and the tempo changes.

A mellow tune called, "The Devil Killed My Daddy," again reminds me of Debbie Harry in the vocals, isn't a bad thing. The vocals fit well with the music and I liked the chorus. I know the "catchy" sounds cheeseball, but it's the word that comes to mind when listening to it.

"People Like You" has the most to offer as far as the lyrics and has a lot of energy. If you're the type of person who uses music as a pick me up on sluggish days, this one ought to work well.

Overall, I can see Free Range Chicken as a band that many college kids (forgive me!) would get into. It's kind of alternative—only a hell of a lot better. If you dig music that's energetic and off the wall, then Free Range Chicken's Chateau should be right up your alley.

Malevolent Creation
Joe Black
Pavement Records



Add this one to my list of "Things that are Killer in Life."

Joe Black, the latest release from Malevolent Creation, is a heavy disc indeed—I'm telling you, you're gonna need help picking this baby up off the shelf. But it'll be worth all the strain and hemorrhoids you're sure to suffer. Joe Black is an awesome collection of old demo material, a couple of new tunes and even a killer cover of Slayer's "Raining Blood." You'll definitely want to add this to your collection of musical mayhem.

However, you'd better hurry and order it—only 10,000 copies of Joe Black are going to be printed. Thus you'll not only be investing in a cutthroat album, but also be getting your grimy hands on a collector's edition as well. (And you thought good things didn't happen in Natchitoches.)

If you want to add Malevolent Creation's Joe Black to your stack-o-stuff, then you'll have to call Pavement Records with a Visa or Mastercard in hand and order it directly from them. The number is 1(800)874-0229. (Commit it to memory—that's the number you'll need to order all your stuff directly from Pavement—including the new Perpetua reviewed last issue that I know you're just dying to spend your hard-borrowed money on.) Besides, what else are you gonna spend money on in Natchitoches—meat pies??

Don't answer that—let's just get on with the tale-of-the-tune. (Boxing reference. Get it? Tale-of-the-tune/Tale-of-the-tape. Ha-ha. Yeah, I know, I crack myself up, too.) Anyway, the first song is "Joe Black," and it'll make you want to go out and wreak havoc on anybody foolish enough to stand in your way. It's kind of an "ode to" song about one of the band member's dad and is totally intense. It makes you wonder why it is that some ever decide to have children in the first place.

Next up is "Self-Important Freak," another one of the new songs, is hard hitting straight up from the canvas. It opens with one of those somebody's stabbing me in the stomach growls, and only gets more hostile as it goes. You will love this one—the lyrics open up with "You're the leader of the [butt]hole race."

"Sadistic Perversity" is the third track on the disc and the last of the new stuff. It's rather groovy and sexy (in a sadistically perverse sort of way) and I think the name pretty much says it all. It starts off groovy and ends up, sadistic. What more do you need?

"No Salvation," "To Kill" and "Tasteful Agony" are re-mixes taken from the Eternal album. Been there, done that? Don't think so—these are techno re-mixes. You'll have to hear 'em to believe 'em.

Next on the agenda is "Genetic Affliction" taken from the 1993 demo. This one's got guitar work to die for (or from), and it's one of the more pugnacious ones on the disc. You probably don't want to stand too close to the stereo when this is on.

Malevolent Creation does a version of "Raining Blood" that you just won't be able to get out of your head for weeks. If you thought the Exorcist was something when the chic spun her head around, check out this song. It's nothing short of a musical crucifixion.

"Remnants of Withered Decay" and "Impaled Existence" are both 1990 demo stuff, and they'll waste no time reminding you why it is that you started listening to this type of music in the first place.

So there you have it, Estelle. Or at least you have all the info you need about. Now acquire a credit card and call Pavement for a copy today. Otherwise, "May the fleas of a thousand camels infest your armpits."

Northwestern's Alumna receives national recognition from Sigma Sigma Sigma

Melissa Mabou, a 1996 graduate from Deville, has been named as the 1995-96 recipient of the Mabel Lee Walton Leadership Award by Sigma Sigma Sigma National Sorority. She received the award at the chapter's annual Founder's Day ceremony from National Collegiate Vice President Jeanne Johnson.

"The Walton Leadership Award is the highest award that a collegian can receive and Tri Sigma was especially pleased to present the award to Melissa because of her outstanding contribution to the sorority and Greek community at Northwestern," Johnson said. "We believe that she will also take these same leadership characteristics with her for continued involvement in her community and will make a difference there also."



Melissa Mabou receives the Mabel Lee Walton Leadership Award from Sigma Sigma Sigma National Collegiate Vice President, Jeanne Johnson

Mabou was honored for her leadership abilities in the sorority, on campus and in the community. As this year's recipient, she will chair the Collegiate Advisory Board.

"With members of our Greek community gaining national recognition the quality of the leadership within our Greek system is shown," Reatha Cox, Northwestern's Greek adviser, said.

The Mabel Lee Walton Leadership Award was established in 1945 and is a tribute to Walton, who was the sorority's national president from 1913 until 1947. She was dedicated to the leadership and future of Sigma Sigma Sigma's national organization and was also committed to the development and enhancement of leadership skills among collegiate sorority members.

Mabou was previously honored by her chapter with the 1995 Eve Mouton Outstanding Senior Award. Before graduating, she served as Panhellenic president and was active in the National Order of Omega, Purple Jackets Honor Society, Student Government Association and the Freshman Connection program. A Dean's List student, she was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Webb

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the best possible position to find information about their records, application status and things of that nature."

Another goal for Webb is to reach out to local businesses and industries to help "reach their needs." Webb explained that if the University strives to help the community they in turn will support the University.

While Webb begins to implement these goals, he still has to find ways to fight to keep several programs from being eliminated. "We are making what we consider to be a well documented and justified defense of our programs," Webb said. "We are going to make a very strong case for the retaining of these programs."

According to Gerald Killedrew, coordinator of research for the Board of Regents, the Board is considering programs for elimination because only certain programs should be offered at each university. Academic programs that are duplicated will be cut or merged with other universities' programs according to a higher education desegregation settlement approved by the Justice Department in 1994.

The bachelor programs that are up for elimination are hospitality and management, home economics, journalism (retain if accreditation is received), and radiological technology. The graduate programs to be eliminated are education, health and physical education, student personnel services, psychology and business administration. The doctorate and specialist programs in educational technology and leadership/instruction are also up for elimination.

The Board held a comprehensive study of six other states similar in size to Louisiana to find how many programs are offered at each of their universities. Killedrew said the study showed that Louisiana universities had 539 degree programs duplicated.

"We exceed the number of programs offered in similar sized states," Killedrew said.

Northwestern faculty and students attended several public hearings and have written letters to the Board to defend their programs. The Board will go through several revisions of the elimination preliminary report before a final decision is made in December.

Sports

Seven sports heroes to join La. Sports Hall of Fame Saturday

Seven stars, including football greats Joe Delaney, Isaiah Robertson and Rosey Taylor, officially join the ranks of state sports legends Saturday night when they are formally inducted in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

Also among the 1996 Hall of Fame inductees will be Olympic gymnast Kathy Johnson Clarke, baseball's Earl "Moose" Wilson and Oliver Marcelle, and basketball All-American Mike Green.

They will be formally inducted in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame at a Saturday night banquet capping two days of festivities.

Also honored will be veteran sportswriters Jerry Byrd of Shreveport and Baton Rouge's Joe Planas, who will receive the state's Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism.

The 24th annual Hall of Fame festivities in Natchitoches include a Friday night reception, a Saturday morning press conference, a scramble golf tournament, a tour of historic Natchitoches, a reception at the Hall of Fame in Prather Coliseum, and the induction banquet and ceremonies in the Student Union Ballroom at Northwestern State University.

A limited number of banquet tickets remain on sale in advance at $20.

Over 100 players are expected to participate in the Saturday morning golf tournament, played at Natchitoches Country Club. Banquet tickets can be reserved by calling the Hall of Fame at 318-357-6467 during business hours.

The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame was founded by the Louisiana Sportswriters Association in 1958 and its permanent home in Natchitoches was established in 1972. The seven 1996 inductees join only 165 previous honorees enshrined in the Hall of Fame.



Delaney

Delaney, a Haughton native and Northwestern State standout, was an All-American star in football and track, and American Football Conference Rookie of the Year in 1982. He drowned in a heroic rescue attempt in June, 1983.

Delaney set a career rushing record at Northwestern with 3,047 yards on 615 carries, a five yard average, and scored 27 touchdowns. He also set school records in the 100 (10.3) and 200 (20.6) meters and was part of the NCM 400-meter relay championship team in 1981, when he earned all-American honors. At Haughton High, he was a record-setting state champion hurdler and an All-State end.

Southern University product Robertson, a New Orleans native and graduate of Covington's Pine View High School, was a six-time Pro Bowl selection and Southern University's first college division All-American (1970). He played 8 years with the Los Angeles Rams (1971-78) and four more with Buffalo (1979-82) at outside linebacker.

At Southern in 1970, he made The Sporting News and Time Magazine All-America teams along with AP and UP small college All-America squads.

The Rams' first-round draft pick, No. 10 overall, in 1970, he was the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year in 1971 as chosen by AP and Pro Football Weekly. He was named All-Pro in 1976 and 1977. He had three interception runbacks for TDs in his career, including a 59-yard TD in a playoff win over Washington in 1974.

Taylor, a New Orleans product who played defensive back at Grambling State in the late 1950's and early 1960s., played 14 years in the NFL with the Chicago Bears (1961-69), San Diego (1969), San Francisco (1970-71) and Washington (1972-3).

Taylor had nine pass interceptions to lead the NFL in 1963, and made 32 in his career. His 414 pass interception return yards is a Chicago career club record. He made the Pro Bowl in 1964 and 1969 and was an All Pro choice in 1963. He helped the 49ers to the NFC title games in both his seasons with them and helped the Redskins make the Super Bowl in 1973.

An All-American gymnast at Centenary College in 1978 and 1979, Johnson made the U.S. Olympic team in 1980 and, after the American boycott of that year, stayed around until 1984 and won two medals in the Games at Los Angeles.

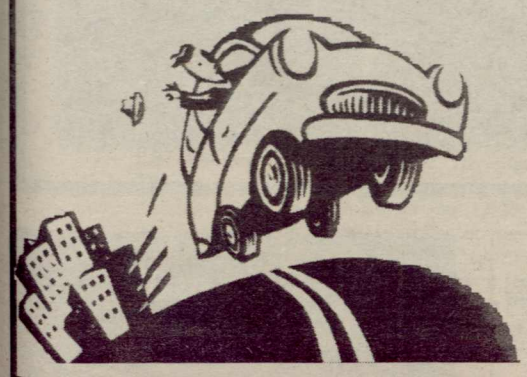
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She won a silver with the U.S. team and an individual bronze on the balance beam at the "old" (for gymnastics) age of 24.

In 1976, she came to Louisiana to train with Coach Vannie Edwards at Olympia Training Center in Belcher. She was the U.S. Gymnastics Federation "Gymnast of the Year" in 1977 and 1985, and is one of only five American women to win individual Olympic medals.

Johnson is one of just three American women to medal in both the Olympics and World Championships.

Wilson, a native of Ponchatoula, spent 11 years in big leagues with his best season in 1967, when he was 22-11 with Detroit, leading the American League in wins that year and making the All-Star Game. He helped the Tigers win the World Series a year later and threw a no-hitter for Boston in 1962.

The 6-3 right-harder was 121-109 with a 3.69 career ERA, and struck out 1,452 batters in 2,051 2/3 innings pitched. He had a career-best 200 strikeouts in 1966. Also a powerful hitter, he had 35 big league home runs.

Green, a 6-10 center from McComb, Miss, set Louisiana Tech career records for points (2,340) and rebounds (1,575), averaging 22.9 points and 15.4 rebounds a game from 1969-74.

Green was the national college division "Player of the Year" in 1973 when he averaged 30.9 points per game and helped lead Tech to a 23-5 record and several No. 1 national rankings.

He was a four-time all-conference player and Tech was 83-19 in his years there. He set a school single-game record with 47 points in a 1973 game and scored 40 or more points in a game five times.

He was a No. 1 draft pick by the pros in 1974 and played seven professional seasons - three in the ABA and four in the NBA. He scored 5,301 points in 459 games.

Nicknamed "The Ghost of New Orleans," Marcelle was one of the most talented Negro League players of the 1920s.

A 1952 Pittsburgh Courier poll named the Thibodaux native as the Negro League's all-time greatest third baseman, ahead of future Baseball Hall of Famers Ray Dandridge and Judy Johnson.

Marcelle had a Negro League lifetime average of .310 from 1919-1930, posted a .305 average in eight winter league seasons in Cuba, including a league-high .393 in 1923-24.

Hildebrand

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his strong support of Northwestern and its intercollegiate athletics program."

Webb indicated that the University will advertise widely for applicants and will appoint an interim athletic director until a replacement is named.

He issued the following statement regarding the transition process:

"Northwestern's Athletic Council will screen applications for the position and will ultimately present a list of finalists to President Webb for his consideration. He hopes to have a new athletic director ready to assume the responsibilities in January 1997.

Basketball coach J.D. Barnett was named associate athletic director in May 1995 by former NSU President Dr. Robert Alost, who indicated Barrett would be elevated to athletic director July 1, 1996, upon Tynes Hildebrand retirement.

The decision to open the position for applications and conduct a national search "is not a reflection on Coach Barnett and his abilities," said Dr. Webb, but reflects the new president's intention "to comply with the University's affirmative action plan, which indicates we will go through as comprehensive a job search process in every position as possible.

"I have discussed the situation with J.D. and have encouraged him to apply. If he does not choose to apply, he will certainly remain in his coaching position and will continue to serve as an associate athletic director."

Interested applicants may contact Dr. Vicki Parrish chairperson of the Athletic Council, for more information.

Demons announce 1996 football schedule; return with new starting line

Northwestern's 1995 football schedule was the fourth-toughest in Division I-AA, and the 1996 schedule is even more difficult, Coach Sam Goodwin said.

The schedule includes two road games against Division I-A teams and six games against teams ranked in the Top 10 of last year's I-AA Top 25 rankings. Consecutive road games against Division I-A members Boise State and Northeast cap the first month of the season.

The Demons, 6-5 last year, wrap up the 1996 season with three consecutive games against fellow Southland Football League teams ranked in the top five of last year's final I-AA Top 25: No. 5 Troy State, No. 1 McNeese and No. 4 Stephen F. Austin.

That stretch comes one game after an Oct. 26 visit to Youngstown State, which has won three I-AA national championships in the past five years and was ranked in the top 10 early last season.

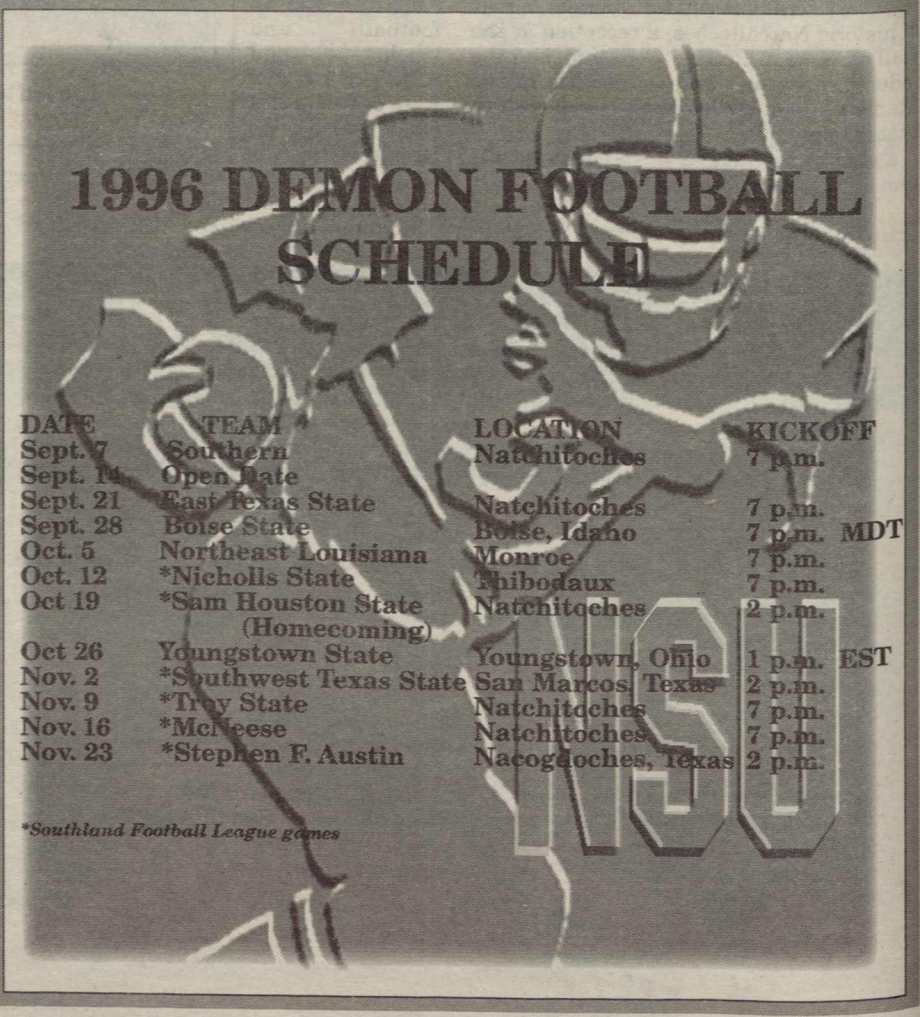
"We want to play against great competition and we did last year. This year's schedule is even tougher," said Goodwin, who will start his 14th season as Northwestern's head coach.

The Demons' five losses last year came to teams with a combined 49-7 regular-season record. Troy State and McNeese were unbeaten in the regular season a year ago, while Stephen F. Austin and Southern each lost only once. All four of the teams' games with the Demons were determined in the last three minutes.

"We lined up against some of the best in the country and gave them everything they wanted," Goodwin said. "We had a veteran team last year and we'll have a young team this year. But this group is in many ways just as talented, and if we'll go and play hard, we'll be extremely competitive."

The Demons lost 28 lettermen and return 34, including eight starters.

Home games for this year start with the season-opening Sept. 7 visit by Southern. After an open date, East Texas visits Sept. 21, Sam Houston on Oct. 19 is Northwestern's Homecoming foe, with Troy State visiting Nov. 9 and McNeese a week later.



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Donnie Cox named interim athletic director, see page 7

Student pleads guilty to possession of child pornography

Andrew Martin
Lesa Thompson
Current Sauce

A Louisiana Scholars' College student pled guilty to charges of possession of child pornography last Thursday.

Joseph Clinton Weinmunson III, 26, pled guilty in U.S. District Court to one count of possession of child pornography obtained through interstate or foreign commerce.

Weinmunson had been under investigation since Jan. 3 this year after university administrators notified university police of possible misconduct and abuse involving the school's internet system, according to Detective Doug Prescott of the University Police.

Weinmunson accidentally left a computer disk containing child pornography in one of the computer labs on campus, a move that prompted the investigation.

The investigation was handled by the university police department until it became apparent that the sexually explicit pictures were coming from overseas. At that point, the U.S. Customs Office was brought in to assist with the investigation, according to Prescott.



Weinmunson

Prescott described the investigation as one where the university, Scholars' College and university police all "shared a lot of information."

The investigation of Weinmunson continued until March 26 when customs agents and Prescott went to Weinmunson's residence, where he consented to a search. The search turned up more evidence that, according to Prescott, was used in Weinmunson's prosecution.

Investigators were concerned with making sure that no children were being abused locally, and eventually found that none were. None of the pictures that Weinmunson had in his possession originated from the area.

"We have no reason to believe that he [Weinmunson] was involved in actual child abuse," Prescott said. "It appears that his involvement is limited to downloading the pictures. It looks like he got curious, looked into it [sexually explicit pictures] and got himself in trouble."

Weinmunson has said that he found the pictures by accident when looking through a listing of internet user groups and that they "disturbed" him, but that he did continue to be involved in reproducing, commonly known as downloading, the photos for "about a year and a half."

Weinmunson said that he has never been involved in any form of child abuse and doesn't feel that his use of child pornography would have led to any form of abuse. He also went on to say that he is currently undergoing counseling though he was "too ashamed to seek help in the beginning.

"I always knew what I was doing was wrong," Weinmunson said. "I know I can't let this go any farther. I understand that this is disturbing, but when you get right down to it all I did was look at some pictures."

Weinmunson went on to say that he did "enjoy the pictures on some level that I am not proud of."

Prescott advised Northwestern students to stay away from downloading pictures in the same manner that Weinmunson did.

"Whenever you start reproducing files, you run into copyright problems with federal guidelines," Prescott said, "which can get you into a lot of trouble."

Weinmunson is to be sentenced on Oct. 2 by Judge F.A. Little Jr. and faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

Division of Business to move into renovated Russell Hall

Russell Hall, the original home of the Louisiana Scholars' College, is going to be the new home to the Division of Business following the completion of the $2.6 million dollar renovation sometime later this year

President Randall Webb said the decision was made to move the Division of Business faculty and students to the building in order to "result in more efficient space utilization in campus facilities.

The University's Council of Vice-Presidents made the recommendation to move the Division of Business to Russell Hall after an extensive review of enrollment patterns, accreditation concerns and utilization of campus classrooms, laboratories and other academic facilities and resources.

Louisiana Scholars' College programs and personnel will be moved to Morrison Hall, which has served as the primary facility for the Division of Business since its construction in 1950.

"The business program has simply outgrown Morrison Hall," said Dr. Tom Burns, interim vice-president of academic affairs. "This new arrangement will provide adequate and functional classroom, laboratory and office space for both the Scholars' College and the Division of Business."

The Division of Business has 1,000 students, and the projected enrollment for the Scholars' College this fall is 300. The existing business building has only 18,800 square feet of space, and Russell Hall has 41,000 square feet.

The issue of inadequate facilities for the Division of Business has become a major concern of the University in its efforts to gain accreditation from the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business.

An accreditation team visited the campus in January and expressed in a report a "significant concern" that current physical facilities for the Division of Business are "not conducive to providing a positive learning environment."

Cited as deficiencies were limitations of existing classroom space, the number of classes held outside the Division of Business building, a lack of instructional resources within existing classrooms, the lack of meeting facilities for faculty and business student organizations and an ambience that detracts from a quality, professional business school.

Burns said all of those accreditation problems could be resolved by moving the Division of Business to Russell Hall, which was built in 1936 as a library. The building housed the Department of Industrial Technology after Watson Library was built in the 1960's, and it has served as the center for the Scholars' College since the late 1980's.

Dr. Barry Smiley, director of the Division of Business, said the division offers classes to some 1,700 other students in addition to its 1,000 majors.

"It is necessary for us to use three buildings besides Morrison Hall for classes, and computer labs for the Division of Business are in other buildings," Smiley said. "Moving to Russell Hall will allow us to conduct all classes, seminars, lab

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NSU's first HMT instructor, Esco, dies

Amy Wisdom
Current Sauce

Mr. James Esco, the first instructor hired for the Hospitality Management & Tourism program two years ago, died July 5 at age 53 after a brief illness.

Esco played a vital role in establishing the HMT curriculum and launching enrollment in the program.



Esco

At least 150 students are now enrolled in the HMT program according to Pat Pierson, Head of the Department of Family & Consumer Sciences.

"A lot of our success is a credit to Jim," Pierson said. "He was an excellent promoter and recruiter for the program."

Pierson said Esco's vast experience in hospitality management coupled with his history as an educator made him a valuable foundation for the successful new program.

"He realized the potential of the industry long ago," she said. "Jim got his masters degree in the field (in 1972) when only two schools in the country offered it. He had the vision and foresight to see what could be done."

Esco passed that foresight on to his students.

"He fascinated me with how much there is to the travel agency field," Jill Rogers, a Travel and Tourism major, said. "He made me see the potential there and made me think about all the possibilities in detail."

Esco served on the Education Committee for Louisiana Travel Promotion Association, a state organization that educates businesses and communities on the importance of tourism to our state.

At Northwestern he helped establish and served as advisor to the Hospitality Management & Tourism Association. Through HMTA, Esco strived to give students a realistic sense of what was available to them in the professional arena.

"Mr. Esco knew what he was talking about," Rogers said. "He really drilled the information into our head, but left it up to us to use it."

Alison Hahs was one of the first two graduates of the HMT program in December 1995. She said Esco's business background offered her a realistic perspective of travel industry.

"Mr. Esco could tell you what the textbook said, but when I talked to him, it was his personal experiences that impressed me," she said. "He'd honestly answer any questions, and admitted there were some negatives of the field, but I felt good about the major I chose."

The experiences Esco brought into his classroom began at Louisiana College where he graduated in 1965 in mathematics.

After college he served as a Navy fighter pilot in Vietnam for four years. Esco was awarded a dozen medals for his flying in the war.

Upon returning to the United States, Esco earned his MBA in Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management from Michigan State University.

Esco then used his knowledge of the industry to educate his peers and students.

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News

Campus Connections

Yell Leaders - Fifteen students have been selected as Yell Leaders for the 1996-97 school year. The squad includes 10 members from last year and five new members. Melissa Morgan and Jason Durham of Natchitoches will be the captains of the squad.

Returning members are: Lisa Stewart, Tricia Hrapmann, Bobby Hemsell, Paul Ayo and Cade Cox of Natchitoches, Natasha Meadors of Natchez, Jill Moreau of Alexandria and Brett Cable of Leesville.

New Yell Leaders are: Tom Cooper of Gladewater, Texas, Jaime Badeaux of Zachary, Kimberly Wallace of Torbert, Steven Evans of Waskom, Texas and Josh Merritt of Bossier City.

Jennifer Pilcher of Florien was selected as an alternate. Roger Herrington of Natchitoches will be "Vic" the Demon.

Social Work Organization - The Social Work Organization held its fund-raiser raffle last semester. Crystal Ferguson of Bunkie won the first place prize, an NSU sports shirt, donated by Wallace Bookstore. Carolyn Reliford of Natchitoches won the second place prize, a three foot party sub, donated by Mark Dawson of Subway Sandwiches Alexandria, and two movies passes, donated by the Alexandria Westgate Cinema 8. Mary Jones of Coushatta won the third place prize a Rival electric ice-cream freezer, donated by Ronald Guillory manager of K & B Drugs in the Westgate Shopping Center, located in Alexandria.

All proceeds from the raffle will be used by the NSU Social Work Organization to sponsor its future activities and events. The members of the NSU Social Work Organization wish to thank its sponsors and participants in making our raffle a huge success.

Institute on Heritage Education - A summer institute on heritage education designed for teachers will be held at Northwestern State University July 31 - August 2. The institute is co-sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and NSU's Division of Continuing Education. During the institute, heritage education programs appropriate for social studies, American history and gifted and talented classes will be covered.

The first day of the institute will focus on the "Teaching With Historic Places' program. This program provides a series of lesson plans on National Register of Historic Places properties which illustrate important events and trends in American history. Marilyn Harper of the National Park Service will be the facilitator for this program.

On the second day, participants will examine the Louisiana Studies Historic Preservation Supplement. The supplement covers historic building types and styles found throughout the state and historic backgrounds about the buildings. Patricia L. Duncan, an architectural historian with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's Division of Historic Preservation, will lead the sessions.

Esco

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Throughout his 24-year career he consulted companies in the restaurant, hotel, and real estate businesses and taught at colleges and universities. In the late '70s and early '80s he owned and operated The Landing Restaurant in Gulfport, Miss.

Esco taught at the University of New Orleans, University of Southern Mississippi, Phillips Jr. College in Gulfport and Fort Lauderdale College in Florida before coming to Northwestern.

In his first year at Northwestern, Esco helped Pierson select the first recipient of the Hospitality Management & Tourism Scholarship Fund. Pierson said contributions may be made to the fund in memory of Jim Esco by contacting the Alumni Center.

"I think it would mean a lot to him to be remembered that way," she said. "Jim was a true educator."

Hahs echoed sentiments of the faculty and students. "I know the school is going to miss him," she said. "He was a big part of HMT."

Internet decency law is struck down by federal court

Colleen DeBaise
College Press Service

In a move that protects free speech in cyberspace, a panel of federal judges struck down a law that would have banned "indecent" or "patently offensive" material on the Internet.

"The Internet may be regarded as a never-ending worldwide conversation," the judges wrote. "The government may not . . . interrupt that conversation."

The case involved a measure in the Telecommunications Act, signed into law Feb. 8 by President Clinton. The American Civil Liberties Union and 55 other groups had filed the suit, arguing the new law violated free speech rights.

The U.S. government had said the law was necessary to shield children from pornographic and other obscene material that is becoming increasingly available through the Internet.

But educators and civil libertarians were concerned that the vague language in the law could lead to a chilling effect on the Web, where controversial or sensitive topics such as abortion or sex would be avoided. Anyone found violating the decency act would have faced a jail term or $250,000 fine.

In handing down its ruling June 12, the three judge panel agreed the law was unconstitutional.

"Just as the strength of the Internet is chaos, so the strength of our liberty depends upon the chaos and cacophony of the unfettered speech the First Amendment protects," the judges wrote.

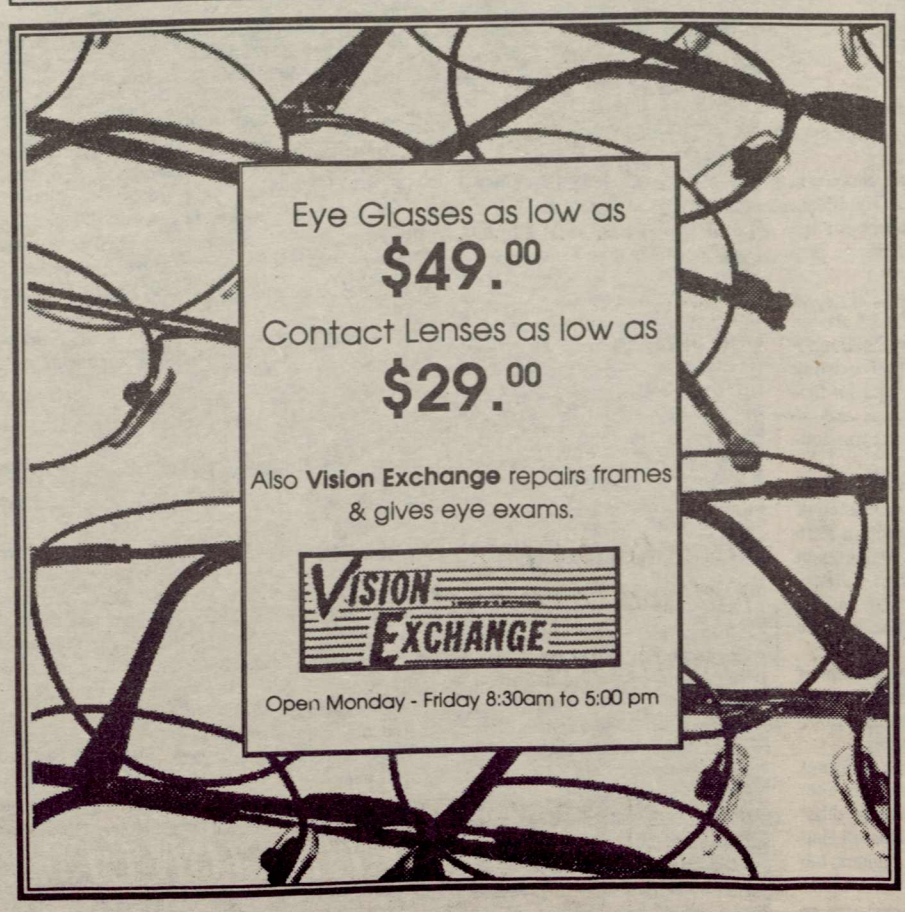
The decision was a major step in creating federal rules for the worldwide computer network.

"As the most participatory form of mass speech yet developed, the Internet deserves the highest protection from governmental intrusion," the judges wrote.

Marjorie Heins, a member of the ACLU's legal team, called the ruling "a decision of inestimable historic importance." The ACLU had argued that the law was not practical and could even criminalize private e-mail correspondence.

"For the first time, the court has clearly stated that standards like 'indecency' and 'patently

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Great acting, fun atmosphere makes "Guys and Dolls" a winner

Amy Wisdom
Current Sauce

Dancing, singing, laughing and gambling - lots of gambling - took place on campus last weekend and will continue each weekend this month.

Northwestern Summer Dinner Theatre production of Guys and Dolls opened July 11 to a sellout audience. The tradition of Summer Dinner Theatre continues as talented students and residents collaborate to produce an entertaining musical.

The audience first dines midst the set of the play. As the after dinner coffee is finished, they enter the world of Broadway, where they meet the sinners and the saints of the street face-to-face.

Sitting so close to the crap game in the city sewerage, to the dancers in Havana, and front-row at the Hot Box night club and Save Your Soul Missionary draws the audience into the action. At least it should; the informal setting lends itself to some audience participation but it is up to the audience members. Cheers, laughter and applause for the characters are welcomed.

And these dolls and guys are characters. The witty dialogue and musical score of the play are animated by the facial expressions and gestures of the cast.

Seine Revelry as Miss Adelaide is one of the play's outstanding performances. In the 14-years she has been engaged to Nathan Detroit, she has not managed to squelch his gambling habits or her own cold symptoms. But watching her try is fun.

Adelaide stars nightly at the Hot Box, and the audience is admitted to these shows at no additional charge. (A tip to the men: You may want to request a dinner table right in the front.) Revelry carries Adelaide's nasal twang throughout the play, staying in character even in song.



Ryan Glorioso (left) and Randy Thompson (right) perform during the July 11 opening of "Guys and Dolls"

Opposite Revelry, Ryan Glorioso portrays an amusing Nathan Detroit. Detroit makes an art out of staying one step ahead of the law and away from the altar. Glorioso's gestures show Detroit's panic at every turn - as he searches for a place to shoot craps, as he evades marriage and as he thinks he may lose Adelaide.

Sky Masterson, the renowned gambler, is played by Richard Rudd. Rudd skillfully presents the handsome and confident Masterson as he goes to the Save Your Soul Mission to win an easy $1,000 but meets his match in Sgt. Sarah.

Sarah is portrayed by Stephanie Hodgdon, whose singing voice is one of the best in the production. While trying to save the sinners of Broadway, Sarah is wrestling with her own unwanted feelings for Masterson.

While these characters are less flamboyant than Nathan and Adelaide, their quiet soul searching are depicted well by Rudd and Hodgdon. The actors share several emotional musical scenes as Sky and Sarah.

In the supporting cast, talent is abundant. Dale Higginbotham, Randall Thompson and Ty Morris are among the crapshooters that deliver humorous lines with good comedic timing and attitude. Higginbotham and Thompson's experience in musicals is apparent. Each knows how to carry a tune.

In Act II Higginbotham leads the chorus in the vivacious number "Sit Down, You're Rocking The Boat." Good choreography adds to the singing to make this one of the show's most memorable scenes.

P. J. Davis stands out as a supporting actress at the Hot Box, and again as she appears in Havana dancing through the scene with Ivory J. Simon, Jr. Both of these actors have facial expressions and dance moves that grab the audience's attention no matter how many actors are sharing the stage.

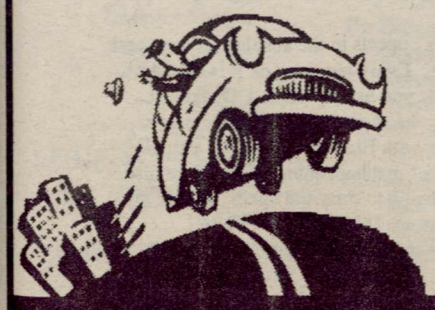
While seasoned cast members contribute to the success of the production, that success is not dependent on them. The future promises more quality summer theater as the less experienced actors grow.

Guys and Dolls continues July 18-22 and 25-28 at A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. The buffet dinner begins at 6:45 p.m. and curtain goes up at 8 p.m. Spend the $15 for dinner and a play; Yesterday's and Woody's will be there next weekend.

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lesa thompson
Current Sauce

CHOKE is an unsigned band who work hard for a living and deserve some recognition for their music. Granted, it's not easy making a name in Metal these days, but with a little luck to back up their determination, the guys in CHOKE are gonna do just fine.

Recently I had the extreme pleasure of hooking up with Jeromy Bouillion, guitarist, (via Al Hodge of Tungsten) and I have to say, he's pretty much one of my favorite people these days. Ask him how long he's been playing and he'll say, "a long time." Then ask him how long he's going to keep on playing and he'll say, "as long as it takes." Good answer, my friend.

Hopefully, after reading this, you'll come to know a little something about CHOKE that will make you want to check 'em out. I haven't had the opportunity to see the band live yet, but with a little luck on my side, I'm sure I will, and I can't wait.

At any rate, CHOKE currently has a new demo in circulation and you can get a copy by getting in touch with Jeromy at (318) 477-1757. It's got four hard-hitting songs that are pure musical carnage, and I know you'll be impressed. The lyrics are well written and sung with pure emotion. But the groove is what's gonna get you. It's low, long and hard—just the way I like it.

CHOKE features vocalist Tracy McGinnis, drummer Bryan Hood, bassist Jason Fusilier, J. Boon on guitar, and additional guitarist Jeromy Bouillion. They're five guys who know what Metal is all about. If you ever have the chance to check them out, and they play as often as they can, please do so. In the meantime, here's a little something for you to choke on.

LT: How did CHOKE get together?

JB: We used to be in two separate bands, the biggest bands in Lake Charles, called the Air Junkies and Thing Fish. We were rival bands and we'd always try to see who could draw the most people—sometimes us, sometimes them. Well, our band kicked butt, but our singer wasn't all that good. Their band sucked, but their singer was unbelievable. So we combined the best of both worlds, and here we are today as CHOKE. We've been together for almost two years now. About six months ago, we felt the need for another guitarist to make our live sound fuller, so we recruited J. Boon who used to play for the band now known as Acid Bath, and that was that.



CHOKE, from l to r: Bryan Hood, J-Boon, Jason Fusilier, Jeromy Bouillion, Tracy McGinnis

LT: CHOKE's music has a real roots metal sound to it. Where did that come from?

JB: Musically, the stuff we all grew up listening to like Anthrax, Metallica, Suicidal Tendencies and stuff like that. It has a lot to do with the way we sound. But we're also a Louisiana based band, so we've got that southern type of groove feel. Everything we write, we try to groove with. But as far as the vocals go, Tracy is a very eclectic person who doesn't even listen to Metal whatsoever. The type of stuff he listens to, I don't even call it music, it's more like noise bands. But that's where he gets his stuff—from Frank Zappa to John Zorne, that's his thing.

LT: What are some of the accomplishments that CHOKE are most proud of?

JB: Playing all the time, staying on the road, getting into the studio and getting our stuff out, and playing with some big-name acts. We did a short tour with Soilent Green, we did many, many dates with Acid Bath and we're actually now getting things prepared to send out our stuff to all the record companies. But as far as feeling proud, we feel proud about everything we've done....Playing live, though, that's what we really like to do.

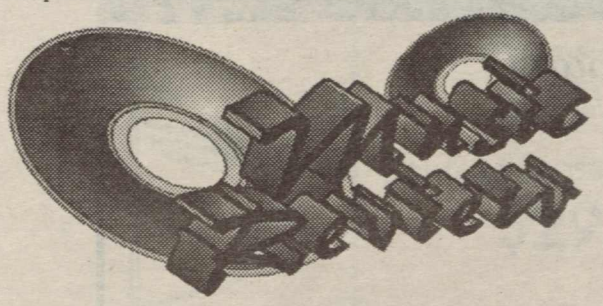
LT: What about the area you guys have covered on tour? What's the biggest venue?

JB: We've toured all the way from Biloxi to Houston so far. I think the biggest venue we've ever done is The Abyss in Houston, which holds about 5000-6000 people, I think.

LT: Where is CHOKE headed?

JB: Hopefully to a record deal! We just keep writing and doing what we do. Everywhere we play, we keep adding to our fan base. We're just gonna stay busy and keep getting our music out to as many people as we can.

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amorphis ELEGY

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Relapse Records



Amorphis' bio boasts of the band having a sound "aligned with 70s progressive rock bands like Deep Purple and King Crimson."

Well, I don't know about all of that. I haven't jammed with Deep Purple in years, and I have never jammed with King Crimson. But what I have done is some extensive jamming with Amorphis' latest release ELEGY.

The songs on ELEGY call to mind something I might have experienced in a bad dream as a child. It makes me remember dreaming about a trip to hell with ethereal sounds filling the air as dead souls move in slow unison to music played by demons, while gargoyles watch from a distance. (Okay, so I was a weird child with even weirder dreams.) What I mean is, if you turn Elegy up loud and the lights down low, it seems like anything could happen, and none of it happy. This is good background music for "Light as a Feather," the game where one person would play dead and everybody else would conduct a mock funeral and try to lift the "corpse" only using two fingers. (Damn. Now even I'm beginning to think something must have gone horribly awry in my childhood.)

At any rate, Elegy is extremely melodic. But not the kind of melody you'd expect from, I don't know, maybe "All 4 One" or something (puke). It's more like the melody of being in an old musty church by candle-light listening to hooded monks with fire-red eyes chanting old Latin hymns that conjure up spiritual images of who-knows-what. Uh-huh. That's it. That's exactly the kind of spooky melodies you'll find on Amorphis' ELEGY. Totally unearthly and creepy in every way.

It's been a long time since an album has had this kind of effect on me. This takes me back to the days of listening to "Mr. Crowley" over and over in my darkened bedroom. If you're looking for music that will freak you out completely, look no further. Amorphis' ELEGY is exactly the album you want. Does the phrase "melodic manslaughter" mean anything? Well, it does now.

ELEGY appeals to the absolute darkest part of my nature. Every last song on it is awesome. Ya know how you usually buy a CD and just keep playing the same four or five tracks over again? Well, with ELEGY there's not a chance in the world of that happening. This entire disc is worth listening to time and again. I think my favorite tunes are "My Kantele," "Better Unborn," "Weeper on the Shore" and the title track, "Elegy." Then again, every time I listen to the disc, I like something else more and more. What can I say? There's not a flop on the entire thing. Now, when's the last time you bought a CD that you can say that about?

Exactly what I thought.

Opinions

"LOW RENT" BEHAVIOR DRAWS ATTENTION

Our View

Problems with state delay the Sauce

As some of you might have noticed, but probably more of you did not, the Current Sauce is running behind in its summer publication schedule since we missed the July 2 edition due to contract problems.

This delay is not our fault and since this publication is funded by the students, perhaps a little clarification on this is owed to the people who pay for us to exist.

The Current Sauce has to be printed off-campus so we have to get a contract with a facility who can provide this service for the students. In the past, the Natchitoches Times has always printed the paper, but this year ethical concerns were raised due to the fact that the owner of the Natchitoches Times sits on the Louisiana Board of Trustees.

As it was told to us, the staff of the Current Sauce, a Board of Trustees member isn't really supposed to do business with a university, hence the ethical questions that were raised.

It would be very difficult to do something really unethical in getting the contract to print the paper, seeing as all of the bidding done by potential contractors is sealed, so it doesn't look like it would have hurt anything if the status quo had been allowed to remain. But our state has its own, often mystifying way of doing things and the new contract that we had with the Natchitoches Times had to be called off.

Now, Louisiana raising questions about whether or not someone is doing something ethically is pretty questionable in and of itself when one looks at all of the suspicious things that go on in the political arena here, but they did it anyway.

At any rate, we have a new contract now with someone not on the Board of Trustees so hopefully all of our problems are over for good. We plan to put out the last two (this week's and the final summer edition on July 30) of the four papers planned for this summer, as we had intended to do all along.

We apologize for any problems that these setbacks may have caused and look forward to continuing to keeping Northwestern's students informed.

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Peoples' conduct in public places often rude



The Bottom Line

Andrew*Martin*

At the beginning of the summer movie season, I was excited to see that there were a lot of flicks that I was interested in seeing. I hadn't been to a movie theater in a long time to check out a film, but I was looking forward to going back.

Once I actually got into the theater I quickly remembered why I hadn't been in so long.

I now hate going to see a movie with the general public because everyone is so damn noisy. I went to see Independence Day last week and it was horrible. Let me clarify that. The movie was great, but the other people in the theater were the loudest bunch of inconsiderate asses that I have ever had the misfortune of being in the same room with.

I was trying to enjoy the movie and the older couple behind me felt the need to comment on everything they saw on the screen. And not just comment in something remotely close to a whisper, but in a normal conversational tone as if they were the only two people in the theater.

There is a scene in the movie where the aliens are kicking unholy ass in Los Angeles and in the process a fire truck goes flying through the air.

Everyone can see it is a fire truck because it was about 12 feet tall on the screen but the morons behind me have to identify it for us all.

"Ooooh, look. A fire truck!"

No s**t, sherlock. And they carried on through the whole first half of the movie like this until I finally had listened to enough and had to turn around and ask them to be quiet. And they were, for about 30 minutes.

This probably sounds like me just going off on some kind of tirade, but there is a valid point in this example.

People these days are just generally rude when it comes to how they behave in public places where some peace and quiet is appreciated.

I hate going to the movies because of this.

People talk back and forth, make all kinds of racket with their food, drinks, chairs and anything else that they possibly get to crunch, crinkle, slurp, squeak or groan. The public in general tends to act as if they are the only ones trying to watch the movie when they should be paying more attention to the fact that everyone else might be trying to listen as well.

I saw the same kind of "low rent" behavior in a local restaurant last week as well.

I had gone out for a bite to eat and had taken a table by the door. I like to watch people and the door is the best place to do that, but I was irritated by what I saw that evening.

There was a young, college-age couple and one of their parents finishing their meal and leaving about the same time I was arriving.

This restaurant provides peppermints in a little basket by the door so you don't walk out with breath that could curdle milk. As this nice looking group of people walked past the basket of peppermints, they all grabbed a big-ass handful of them and promptly got into a brand new Dodge that was parked outside.

I don't understand this at all.

Could they not take just one like everyone else? Are they living out of their car and can't afford to go across the street to the store and buy a bag of peppermints? Do they all have some kind of breath problem that takes handfuls of peppermints to cure?

The answer to all of those questions is probably no. The truth is that those people are, once again, just rude.

Same night, same restaurant, three rather boisterous women yell and whistle trying to get someone's attention. They disturbed everybody's meal in order to yell "bye" to someone sitting in the bar. Thanks a lot.

I guess that people have become so self-centered that most of the time they don't really pay attention to what other people are trying to do around them, or even worse than not paying attention, really just don't care.

So the moral of this story is that the next time that you are out and are in a place where quiet is at a premium, try to keep your noise down to a minimum and behave yourself because crappy behavior is a reflection of a crappy individual.

Move

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sessions and other activities in one building, and that arrangement will enhance the division's opportunities to achieve accreditation."

A decision by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business on Accreditation has been delayed until after another campus visit scheduled for January, 1997.

Renovation and modernization of Russell Hall is scheduled for completion in November, which means the move could be completed before the spring semester begins in January.

"All of us realize that faculty and students in the Scholars' College who have worked so hard in planning the renovation of Russell Hall will be disappointed that they will not be able to occupy the building," Dr. Ray Wallace, director of the Scholars' College, said, "but this new facility utilization plan is obviously in the best interests of the entire university."

Physical Plant Director Loran Lindsey said Northwestern has one of the lowest academic space utilization percentages in the state because of the large number of special purpose labs on campus.

"Instead of duplicating some of those special purpose resources in Russell Hall as previously planned," Lindsey said, "we will now enhance space utilization by eliminating some of those labs and assigning Scholars' College students to existing labs in other buildings."

Lindsey said Morrison Hall, as originally designed, has 18 offices to accommodate the 15 faculty and staff members in the Scholars' College, and Russell Hall will have 39 offices for the 32 Division of Business and Advance Program personnel that will use the facility.

"Russell Hall will provide twice as many classrooms for the Division of Business as are available in Morrison Hall," Lindsey said, "and there are five classrooms in that facility with seating for 100 or more, including a 160-seat auditorium. This will allow the Division of Business to expand some class sizes and to conduct seminars and other essential programs in the building."

In discussing facilities for academic programs, academic vice-president Burns said the change of buildings between the Division of Business and the Scholars' College "will give those academic divisions virtually exclusive facilities just as we have for other major programs such as Nursing and Education."

Burns also noted that the Division of Business "has been at a disadvantage in recruiting and serving students, because all other universities in Louisiana have developed new or renovated facilities for their business programs over the past decade."

Morrison Hall is also in line for major renovations in the next two years, Burns said.

"The proposal to renovate Morrison Hall is in Priority 3 of the state capital outlay program," Burns said. "This means planning money should be available next year to modernize and refurbish the facility that will be used by the Scholars' College."

Student Government Association President Carlton Downey, a Scholars' College student who was recently named as the new student member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Louisiana system, said the decision to move the Scholars' College to Morrison Hall should not have a negative impact on current or prospective students.

"Morrison Hall is an adequate facility with the potential to be outstanding, and I feel that students are attracted to the Scholars' College primarily by its outstanding programs and faculty rather than its physical facilities," he said.

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Sports

Cox named interim athletic director; says he will not apply for job permanently

Longtime Northwestern athletic staff member Donnie Cox, currently director of compliance and special services, has been named interim athletic director, University President Randall Webb said last Monday.

Tynes Hildebrand, athletic director for the last 14 years, retired effective Sunday after a 44-year affiliation with Northwestern as a student, athlete, coach and administrator.

Cox will oversee athletic department operations until a permanent successor to Hildebrand is named in August, Webb said. Northwestern is receiving applications for the athletic director's post through July 26, with Webb aiming to have a new athletic director on the job no later than Sept. 1.

Northwestern's football season kicks off at home Sept. 7 against Southern University. Planning for that matchup, which drew a Turpin Stadium record crowd of 15,600 when Southern visited Northwestern in 1994, will be among the tasks facing Cox.


Cox

Cox said he will not be an applicant for the position on a permanent basis.

"Donnie has extensive experience in coaching, NCAA compliance, academic services and external operations during his 13 years at Northwestern. Those abilities will serve our athletic program well during the few weeks he functions as interim athletic director," Webb said.

Cox, 51, has been on Northwestern's athletic staff since 19633, when he joined the football staff as an assistant coach. He served in that capacity for 11 years, then became director of special facilities. He added NCAA compliance duties to his job assignment in May 1995.

In his current post, Cox monitors NCAA compliance, facilities and student-athlete academic services for Northwestern's 15 intercollegiate sports.

Among the major projects he has overseen in that post are the acquisition and installation of a new $675,000 artificial turf for the football stadium, the design and installation of a new playing surface in Prather Coliseum, replacement of the artificial turf infield at Brown-Stroud baseball stadium, and resurfacing of the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

In his 11 seasons as assistant head coach on Sam Goodwin's Demon football staff, Cox handled a myriad of administrative duties. He was the team's academic liaison, monitoring players' eligibility; NCAA compliance liaison; coordinated relations with pro scouts; ran the annual football banquet; and also served as recruiting coordinator.

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Law

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offensive' are impermissably vague and therefore unacceptable for regulating free speech," she said.

Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, said the staff of college newspapers should feel "much relieved" by the decision.

"I fear that many of them didn't completely understand the impact this could have had on college media," he said.

Student newspapers often will take risks with their content, such as including four-letter words or sexual references in stories, he said. If the law had been enforced, online college newspapers may have been the first to be prosecuted, he said.

"The alternative could have been a real threat, at least to electronic media," Goodman said. "It certainly is a good decision from our perspective. There is still a strong appreciation out there of the . . . First Amendment."

The government has promised to appeal the case, which would go directly to the U.S.Supreme Court for review.

CHOKE

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LT: Have you guys ever gotten any help from some of the other bands out there that people might know?

JB: Acid Bath have hooked us up with some pretty good gigs. They've gotten us into some clubs that we ordinarily wouldn't have been able to get into, and we appreciate them deeply for it. A band out of New Orleans called Abuse, a great band, they've done a lot for us as far as getting us some good shows, stuff like that. Christ Inversion have helped us out when we played with them because a lot of people turned out for it, and it really helped us add people to our fan base, people who maybe wouldn't have otherwise turned out. And, of course, Al Hodge from Tungsten's really helped us make a lot of contacts with people, he's really helped us out a lot. We appreciate the hell out of him, too.

LT: Would you say being from the south helped you or hurt you?

JB: From the heart, I think it's a damned good thing because that's where the music is. Our music's always been deeply rooted and heart-felt down south. There's no other music like it. I just think a lot people have closed minds about the south. They think all we are is some alligator riding, beer drinking fools down here. Which we are, but that ain't all we do!

LT: I know you're not telling me you rode an alligator.

JB: Hell Yeah! And it's fun!

LT: Alrighty then, killer. At what point will you guys consider yourselves successful?

JB: Just as long as we can sell records, I'm pretty sure we'll be happy. You can't help but be happy at doing something you love to do. People all over the world are caught in ruts, and I think that's ridiculous. We love to play music, and that's what we want to do for the rest of our lives.

NSU-Natchitoches Folk Festival to be held this weekend

Dance a two-step, waltz with your partner, and Cajun jitterbug all night at the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival, one of northwestern Louisiana's music festival.

The evening concerts will feature three of the hottest music acts in the South. Saturday night features the man who has been called "hands down, call in the dogs, the best country fiddler...in the world," Johnny Gimble, backed by Texas Swing. He will appear with the popular Cajun fiddler Hadley Castille and his Louisiana Cajun Band.

On Friday night, Rounder Records' Grammy nominee Jimmy C. Newman and his band Cajun Country will keep you dancing and clapping your hands.

Thursday night's Gumbo concert will be a tribute to the legendary musicians of Natchitoches Parish. The concert, featuring the Birdwell Brothers, the Gospelrettes, Big Al and the Gators, and Steve Wells Music, starts at 7 p.m.

Of course, there's always music in the air at the festival, and in 1996 it will be unparalleled in its quality and variety. Declared "the strongest music program we have presented" by festival director Dr. Don Hatley, the music will include Western swing, Spanish Decimas, Cajun, 1950s-style Rock-n-Roll, Delta blues, and more. The Festival, to be held July 18-20 in Prather Coliseum on Northwestern's campus, is a four-time winner of the "Top Twenty Events in the Southeast" Award, a prestigious designation given annually by the Southeast Tourism Society, which covers events held in nine Southeastern states.

In addition to the music shows, the Festival provides traditional Louisiana foods and crafts, a gumbo cook-off and a Kidfest area for children. The special theme for 1996 is "Family Heritage and Tradition," and will include information, exhibits and discussions on genealogy and family heritage research.

As part of the program, Dr. James Caillier, president of the University of Louisiana System will moderate a session on Creole cultural heritage. Participants will include the Terrell Delphin family, Marie Roque and Northwestern Professor of Anthropology Dr. Hiram F. Gregory.

Janet Colson will conduct a genealogical workshop on Creole families and provide guidance on using the Internet in researching Creole genealogy. Joey Moran and Northwestern Archivist Mary Linn Wernet will display an exhibit on photographs and historic documents of special significance to Creoles. Theresa Morgan will provide a historical exhibit on the Badin-Rouque House.

The Festival runs from July 18 - July 20, with tickets ranging from $5 to $7. Advance tickets are discounted and new this year is the Festival FunPack with features tickets to all the festival events plus over $100 in coupons from Natchitoches area businesses.

For more information about the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival, call 318-357-4332, fax 318-357-4331, e-mail folklife@alpha.nsula.edu, or write to the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival, Box 3663 NSU, Natchitoches, LA 71457.

Note-taking services may be worse than actually going to class

Colleen DeBaise
College Press Service

It's final-exam time-time to pull out the lecture notes. But what if you are missing a stack of notes?

Perhaps you fell asleep in class. Or you decided that no one would notice if you skipped when 400 other students filled the lecture hall . . .

Then again, maybe you did take notes, but you just want another set to study as a supplement to your own. On many campuses, there are note-taking services which-for a fee-will provide students with detailed notes on lectures they attended, somewhat attended or entirely missed.

Although few schools have official policies against the use of a note-taking service, professors in general seem to warn: it's buyer beware.

Most of the time, the note-taking services are available to students who attend large universities, such as Pennsylvania State University or the University of Michigan. Usually, the services hire top students to take notes in class and are independently operated, for-profit businesses; sometimes they're under the auspices of a student association.

Chad Graham, a University of Iowa freshman, has used the note-taking service of Iowa City's I Notes, part of a national chain of businesses that serve students at the state universities of Texas, Wisconsin and Florida, just to name a few.

A double major in journalism and English, Graham bought the notes to prepare for his midterm in Introduction to Environmental Geology, a course that fulfills a graduation requirement.

"I've only been [to class], like, four times," Graham said. "The class isn't the most interesting."

So, for about $10 he bought I Notes' "exam pack," which contained notes from all lectures up to the midterm, as recorded by a fellow classmate.

"I used them more than the book," said Graham, who got a B on the midterm and plans to use I Notes for the final.

But, alas, there was a catch: "There were a lot of mistakes in the I Notes," Graham said. In fact, his professor, Robert Carmichael, made an announcement in class about mistakes, then went to the service to correct them.

Such inaccuracies present an inherent problem with note-taking services, said Carmichael, who often double-checks the I Notes for errors.

"You really are at the mercy of the note-taker," he said. "My experience has been the quality varies wildly."

I Notes hires students who are enrolled in the class to take notes, then turn them in as quickly as possible so they're available to student customers the next day. A combination of the fast turn-around and the student's own shortcomings sometimes can lead to an exam pack that's packed with errors, Carmichael said.

"You could come out more damaged than if you didn't have anything at all," he said. "There is a lot of misunderstanding that gets communicated for people who don't show up for class and just use the notes"

Still, Carmichael says he has mixed feelings about the note-taking business.

"If you get a good student, I think it could be a very good service," he said. "I would encourage anything that gets knowledge or information out."

James Chung, an owner of I Notes, said the service only hires students who have, at the minimum, a 3.2 grade-point average.

"We hire honor students," said Chung, explaining that students are usually paid anywhere from $8 to $25 per lecture to take notes. "Most of our note-takers have about a 3.5."

John Folkins, UI associate provost of academic review, said the university has no official policy on notetaking services. It instead leaves it to the discretion of professors to encourage or discourage the use of such a business, he said.

"If the faculty believes that this is a tool, and this is valuable, then we certainly wouldn't want to discourage it.' he said.

However, the notes 'are often incomplete or inaccurate or misleading," he said. "As a pedagogical tool they are sometimes suspect. I worry that students will do themselves a disservice."

Within the University of California's nine-campus system, note-taking services have been run by student associations for more than 25 years.

"The idea is that it's by the students, for the students," explained the manager of a UC note-taking service, who declined to give his name.

Unlike the students that I Notes hires, the UC note-taker is a student "who has already taken the course before [and] received an A-minus or better." That student then audits the class, sitting in lectures for a second time.

The service is well-received by the faculty, as long as it's used as a supplement, he said."A lot of professors will express concern that attendance will be affected by having notes in the class," he said.

Like I Notes, the UC service will occasionally pull the notes or modify them if professors complain. "I usually try not to do that," he said. "But bottom line, I'm not going to alienate the professor just to make a buck."

The note-takers earn $8 to $13 per lecture hour, and the cost to the student customers is $15 for a subscription that covers the entire quarter's lectures. This particular UC campus service has about 10,000 subscribers for roughly 100 courses.

"It's a different breed of students," the manager said. "It's hard enough to get in. They are using [the service] for what they should be using it for."

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Only one Northwestern employee, Pat Pierson, in running for Athletic Director, see page 6

Northwestern faces many changes among faculty, staff

Tatum Lyles
Current Sauce

Throughout the past few months the faculty of Northwestern has taken on a new look. Many changes have been made affecting not only the people who were shuffled around but also the students.

Among those faculty members who fill these positions, Dr. Thomas Hanson has been named acting Dean of Graduate Studies and Research filling the position formally held by President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

Hanson, who has been at Northwestern since 1990 has served as president and vice president of the Faculty Senate, an associate professor of mathematics and director of information systems. He has taught courses in mathematics, computer science and computer literacy. In the past year he has provided leadership in strategic planning and budgeting for all aspects of academic and administrative computing including Watson Library, campus networks, database development and accessibility and the use of technology in the classroom.

Hanson will serve as Dean of Graduate Studies and Research until a permanent successor is named. Northwestern will conduct a national search for the position.

"Dr. Hanson is a very competent, knowledgeable individual with the leadership abilities to promote and continue the develop of Northwestern's graduate program," said acting Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Thomas A. Burns. "His past experience in higher education and with large corporations make him an excellent person for this position."



Hanson

Another change for the University has come with the resignation of the director of the Louisiana Scholars' College, Dr. Ray Wallace who will assume full-time teaching duties in the Department of Language and Communication this fall. Wallace is a professor of English and a nationally noted scholar on the teaching of writing.

Wallace became director of the Scholars' College in 1993 after one year as head of the Department of Language and Communication. While at Scholars' College, he worked to increase enrollment and retention at the state's designated honors college in the liberal arts. He also was able to broaden links to departments and programs across the university which further strengthened the Scholars' College. Wallace has been a featured speaker at many college recruitment efforts across the state and has recruited honors' students from across the country to Northwestern.



Wallace

"I'm excited about my future at Northwestern," Wallace said. 'It's time for me to step down from the Scholars' College and return to writing projects I have left too long on the back burner. I want to return to my first love, teaching writing, and let a new voice lead the Scholars' College."

"I leave this position pleased with what the faculty and staff have accomplished during my time as director. (NSU President) Dr., (Randall J.) Webb understands my desire to return to teaching graduate and undergraduate students in the general university. I will genuinely miss many of the great Scholars' College students I have recruited over the years."

Among the rearrangement of positions here at Northwestern is the appointment of Dr. Thomas A. Burns as interim vice president for academic affairs by Webb.

This appointment, as is Hanson's is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities. A permanent appointment is to be made during the next academic year.

Burns, who is also a professor of biology, has been a member of Northwestern's faculty for 23 years and was head of the Department of Life Sciences for 12 years.

"I have a tremendous respect for Dr. Burns as a scholar and academic administrator," Webb said. "He supports high academic standards and is very student oriented. He will work closely and effectively with academic administrators and fac-

Sigma Nu to colonize on campus; marks second new Greek organization for NSU

A colony of Sigma Nu Fraternity will be formed this fall on campus. The colony will be formed from members of Sigma Xi, a local fraternity formed on campus last year, along with new members taken on during rush.

During the fall, members will work with Sigma Nu's staff to fulfill a basic core of operating standards including basic chapter programming, financial structuring, member education, social policies, recruitment, academic services and administrative organization.

Once those standards have been met, members are eligible to receive their charter to operate as a chapter of Sigma Nu.

"The decision to create a new chapter of Sigma Nu is never reached in haste," said David J. Glassman, assistant executive director for expansion with Sigma Nu Fraternity.

"Not only are we concerned with the men who will making up the initial interest group, we are also concerned with the quality of the institution and the climate of the Greek community," Glassman said. "All of these things are in our favor at Northwestern State University. The university is a growing and prospering institution. The support shown by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council leaves us confident that there is a bright future for Sigma Nu at Northwestern State University. We are confident that the membership of Sigma Xi understands the expectations of Sigma Nu and will be equipped to achieve more than expected."

John Reed, president of Sigma Xi, said the chapter is committed to meeting those standards set by the national organization.

"When researching national fraternities, we were particularly impressed with Sigma Nu's leadership in the fraternity world," said Reed. "We're looking forward to being the new fraternity on campus and bringing this leadership to the system. We know that men are looking for something unique when it comes to a fraternal organization - that's what motivated us to form a new fraternity."

Founded in 1869 at Virginia Military Institute, Sigma Nu is the only international fraternity established explicitly against hazing. The fraternity has shown a leadership role with initiatives in risk reduction, academic programming and leadership training.

Sigma Nu will be the second new Greek organization on campus this fall. They will be joined by Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity, a women's Greek organization.

For additional information on any of the Greek organizations or the Rush process, contact Reatha Cox, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Organizations at 357-5384.



The Natchitoches Historical Commission recognized former NSU President Robert Alost's dedication to historical preservation last week. Current President Randall Webb was also in attendance. photo by Eric Dutile

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ulty in continuing to improve the quality of Northwestern's academic programs and services."

As department head, Burns was involved in program and curricula development as well as faculty supervision and evaluation. His duties also included student recruitment and problem solving, class scheduling, budget preparation, and allocation of financial and facility resources. Burns also handled accreditation reports and worked with the state and federal agencies and committees on research projects.

University officials wouldn't comment on Former Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Edward Graham's release from the position.

Webb was also unavailable for comment on the matter.

This summer the people of Northwestern also saw the retirement of Athletic Director Tynes Hildebrand who had been with the university for 44 years.

In a letter to Webb, Hildebrand reflected on the several years Northwestern played an important role in his life:

"As of June 30, 1996, I will be resigning my position as athletic director at Northwestern State University. My 44-year relationship with this great university is a source of tremendous pride and appreciation for my family arid me...My wife and two sons graduated from Northwestern so university has indeed been like a family to me will forever be grateful for what this institut has meant to me, and am forever thankful for opportunities it has allowed me to enjoy G bless to all and... GO DEMONS!!!"

Webb acknowledges Hildebrand and many accomplishments as a fellow Northwest alumnus and university administrator.

"Tynes and Julia Hildebrand rank among finest people it has been my pleasure to kno Webb said. "I not only count Tynes as a d friend, I consider him to be a top-notch admin trator. Under his capable leaders Northwestern's intercollegiate athletics progr has grown and prospered. This is a tribute Tynes love for Northwestern as well as his le ership skills."

Webb asked Hildebrand to remain as ath ic director until a replacement could be found respected his decision not to. His statement cerning the transition process is as follows:

"Northwestern's Athletic Council screen applications for the position and will u mately present a list of finalists to President We for his consideration. He hopes to have a new letic director ready to assume the responsibili in January 1997."



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CURRENT MUSIC REVIEWS

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Biohazard
Mata Leao
Warner Bros.

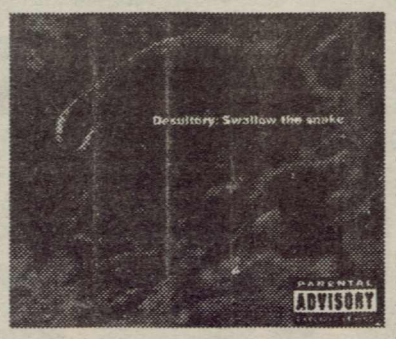


You just gotta love a CD that starts out with a song called Authority to which the lyrics sing, "F*** the rules" over and over again. Yep. I put in Mata Leao and automatically got right back in touch with the part of me that made me like Biohazard in the first place. This is belligerence at its best.

Besides the outright anger on Mata Leao, a few other things tend to stand out immediately. Such as the killer bass work on this record. If you want groove, Biohazard has it, and a whole lot of it, too. The bass and drums come together to knock you into oblivion right from the start. The vocals are a little bit rappy I suppose, but with such intense guitar jams backing it up, it really doesn't matter. Biohazard still has a sound that'll make you want to go home and beat up your puppy.

Other than that, I really don't know what else to say about it—if you like Biohazard, this is right up your alley. It's got anger and intensity and all the other stuff that made you jam with 'em in the first place. This album won't be a disappointment.

Desultory
Swallow the Snake
MetalBlade Records



The word Desultory means "without system, purpose or regularity." You won't see the connection after you give their newest effort, "Swallow the Snake," a listen. This is methodical carnage for sure. If you like the old stuff, you're going to love the latest release. And if you're not fortunate enough to be familiar with the band's previous records, then it's about time you give Desultory a spin. Just be prepared for some heavy-hitters, cuz Swallow the Snake is full of tunes that'll knock the teeth right out of your mouth.

Compared to some of their older stuff, Swallow the Snake seems a bit more polished. But don't even try to think I mean "weaker." Not even close. Desultory is just as heavy as ever, but they've managed to push their sound to a whole new level. The growth is easy to trace from one album to the next, and Swallow the Snake is certainly no exception .

The band's bio describes Desultory's musical vibrations as moving "toward the fine line that divides melody and brutality, blurring the point at which the two are united." Imagine being tied down and chain-sawed in two, but by someone who really loves you, and there you have Swallow the Snake.

The guys in Desultory describe their sound by saying that: "A lot of death metal bands' primal goal is to play fast, and as brutal as possible. We try to give our music a more melodic touch, but still keep it intense and aggressive. We try to keep it alive and catchy and never predictable." Believe me, Desultory have more than managed to do just that on Swallow the Snake. The band covers all the appropriate territory with songs as melodic as "Beneath" yet as hostile as "Blizzard in my blood." Desultory have left no stone unturned on Swallow the Snake.

Lyrically speaking, Desultory give me exactly what I like. I'm dying to reprint a sample or two from some of the more killer tracks like "The bitter man," "Nothing dies," and "Silent Suffering." Unfortunately, however, that's probably some kind of copyright infringement or something, so I'll just have to suffice it to say that if you're like me, and you actually like to think about what a band has to say, then Desultory give you plenty of food for thought on Swallow the Snake.

If you're already a fan of the boys from Stockholm, that's perfectly killer. If not, then it's time to bust out your granny's credit card and charge yourself a copy of Swallow the Snake. Hell, don't be greedy—charge a couple of copies for your friends while you're at it. You're gonna love me for it.

King Diamond
The Graveyard
MetalBlade Records

Everybody in the whole entire world must know who King Diamond is. Even if you don't necessarily know him as the frontman for Mercyful Fate, you'd still know him as the dude that has the KISS complex that went straight to his make-up. You just gotta love this guy.

At any rate, the newest King Diamond is called "The Graveyard," and I have to say, I am impressed. Until recently though, I have to admit, I wasn't much of a King Diamond fan. That all-too-high falsetto used to drive me insane. So when I got The Graveyard, I wasn't exactly breaking my neck to get it into the CD player and crank it up. Well, the bad is on me. I was taken totally aback by what I heard. Now I'm seriously considering if it wasn't my own stupidity that kept me from jamming with King Diamond in the first place. Oh, well. Live and learn. A little late to catch on, perhaps, but here I am nonetheless. Add my name to the list of people who admire the King.

From the releases Abigail and The Eye, we're used to King Diamond doing concept albums, and The Graveyard is no exception. The bio describes The Graveyard's concept as "a chilling story of incest, child molestation and the brutal ensuing trial of the purveyor of these evil deeds that is judged by a man who has been driven insane....The character depiction is so convincing that you find yourself feeling that perhaps it is you who is going insane." Well, I'll say this much for it—this is definitely not the music that you want to listen to if you tend to get somewhat queasy at the slightest mention of the macabre. King Diamond take their music to the ethereal extreme.



As far as the vocals on The Graveyard are concerned, it's what most people have come to expect from King Diamond, but better. There seems to be a little bit less of the obnoxious falsettos, and a bit more of the "Satan after sucking carbolic acid" growls. As surprised as I am to hear myself say it, I readily admit to having really gotten into the vocals on The Graveyard. Whether or not you were previously a King Diamond fan doesn't matter—I still think you'll be impressed with the latest disc.

Musically, it's all here. The one thing that always holds true with King Diamond is the way he puts excellent musicians in his band. The Graveyard is by no means an exception to the rule. The guitar work on it is first class. The Graveyard's melodies will reach into the darkest part of your heart, and pull it right out of your chest. Like I said, you just gotta love it.

Type O Negative
My Girlfriend's Girlfriend (the latest single)
RoadRunner

Yep. That's right. This is the latest release from Type O Negative. Perhaps you've heard it on the Demon. No? Well, keep listening, cuz you will. This baby's going into heavy rotation immediately.

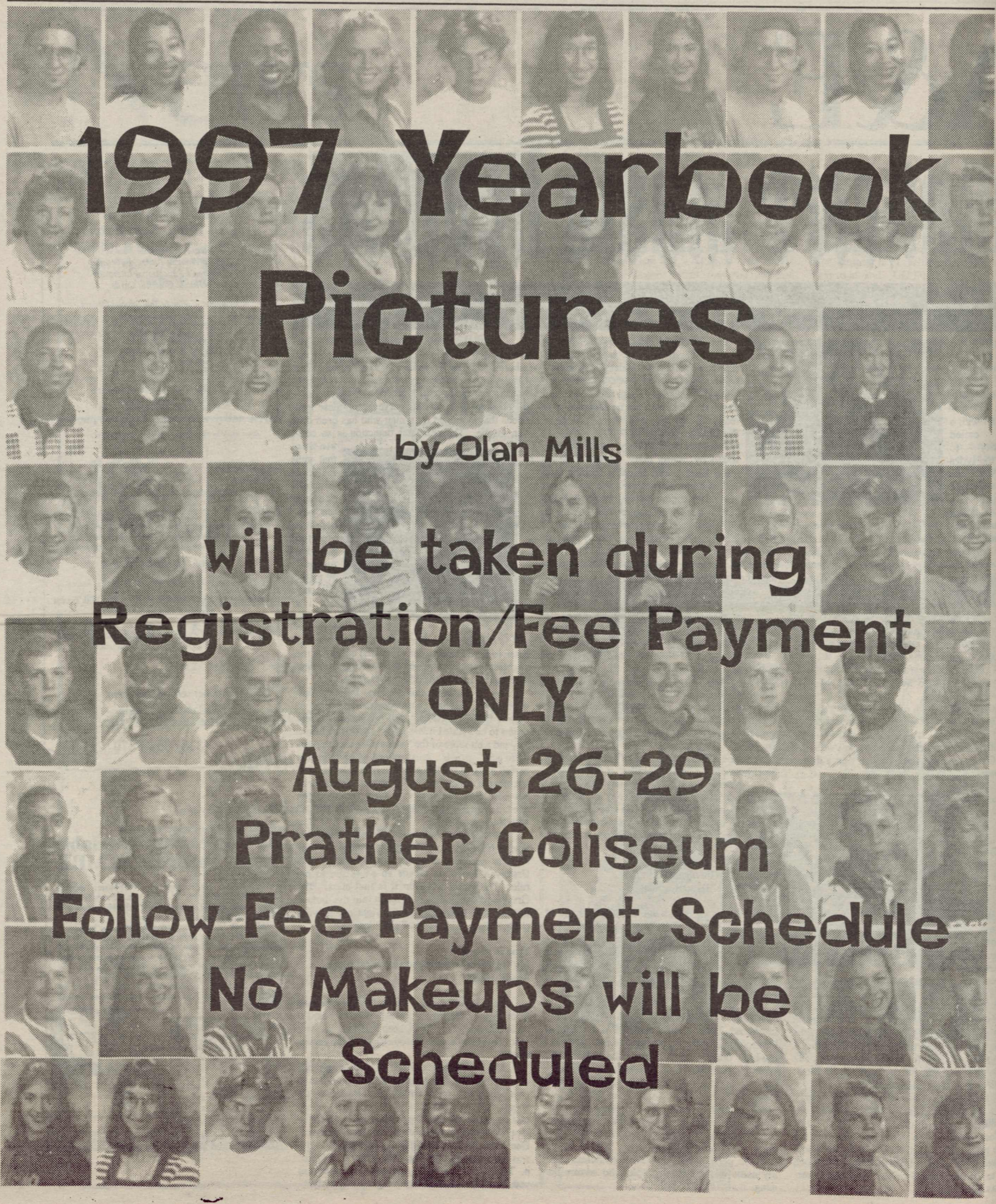
My Girlfriend's Girlfriend kind of reminds of something that the Adams Family would jam to on a particularly festive night. And Peter Steele's vocals. Oh, my. What can I say—the only word that comes to mind is deep, deep, deep. He's an absolute master at the craft of low, throaty vocals. One listen to My Girlfriend's Girlfriend, and I was immediately thinking, "Oh, yeah. I'm lovin' it. Type O at their best." It's tongue-in-cheek, in your face kind of stuff, and I dig it completely.

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Our View

The summer terms are almost over and those of us who have survived are left to face another year here at "Harvard on the Cane." Whether or not that is good or bad is up to the individual to decide, but things definitely look interesting for the upcoming year.

Northwestern is currently undergoing a lot of changes. That is obvious to see on a physical level, hence the beautification efforts, but a lot of things look to be changing in the way the school is run and what directions that our beloved university will be headed in now and in the not-so-immediate future.

From a power standpoint, we shall have to see how President Webb takes us into the future. Will things really be more open, or shall we have to endure another president with a closed-door policy that is so restrictive that it makes old communist europe look like Disney World? Will the beautification process continue to take shape under Webb, and if so, will it still move at the proverbial "snail's pace?"

How will students and faculty respond to this changing of the guard? Hopefully, this transitional period will be a smooth one and Webb will begin to take this university out of its current ho-hum state.

What about the accreditation process? How many NSU students will see their programs go "belly-up" and fail? How many compromises like the controversial switch between LSC and the Division of Business will take place in order to keep old programs around?

Webb has pledged himself to try to retain as many programs as possible on this campus, but with the new tiered educational system and with university specialization being the trend of the future, how successful will he be?

What kind of direction are all of the new department heads going to take their respective departments in? We have a lot of new faces in charge on this campus (and in Shreveport, as well) and it should prove interesting to see how well programs like NSU athletics and the LSC fares in the loss of their respective leaders.

It should be interesting to see what will occur over the next year and no one can say for certain how successful we will be, but one thing does look definite--it should be a hell of a ride.

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Olympics entertaining but tainted by commercialism



The Bottom Line

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The Centennial Olympic Games have captured a lot of our attention over the past few days. Most news shows are sure to include the latest in the event finals and give us an updated medal count and many of us eat it up and try to catch as much of the almost all-encompassing coverage as we can.

In watching the games this year, which I really haven't done in years past, I have noticed some really good and really bad things about the Olympics.

Starting on a good note, it is always good to see the success stories that go along with the games.

Vitaly Scherbo, the gymnast from Belarus who was so out of shape in December that he couldn't even do a handstand. His wife had been in a coma and he had understandably quit training, but he managed to come back in good enough form to capture a bronze medal. Mary Ellen Clark, the diver from the United States, who looked to be "over the hill" going into the games that also managed to medal.

And speaking of success stories what about Kerri Strug, the gymnast who everyone is probably sick of hearing of by now. The little girl who is small in stature, but who's huge vault in the women's team gymnastic competition helped put the U.S. team on the gold medal podium. One would be hard pressed to find a prouder moment in U.S. athletic history.

The games are great because they also seem to bring us together somewhat as Americans. It sounds a little hokey, but even if you don't like it, you kind of have to admit it.

I have talked briefly with quite a few strangers lately, all of whom have wanted to discuss the Olympics.

There is nothing wrong with that.

In the aftermath of the TWA flight 800 tragedy and the subsequent bombing in Atlanta we, as a nation, need something good to talk about. If that something happens to be something as relatively simple as the Olympics, then so be it.

One thing that I don't necessarily agree with is what kinds of things get covered, or maybe the reasoning as to why things don't get covered.

NBC went on record saying that sports like boxing won't get much coverage because they are not popular with women.

Look, I like the gymnastics and diving and all of the groovy crap that NBC puts on while trying to satisfy everybody, but I think boxing should make an appearance. What about other sports like Greco-Roman and Freestyle wrestling? These are two of the most physically challenging events in the entire games, yet we don't get to see them because NBC doesn't want to sacrifice any of their ratings points.

This brings up another issue.

Since when should the focus on the Olympic games be more on the commercial aspects, such as television ratings, than on the athletes?

It is shameful that this kind of garbage should go on. These athletes train their asses off for years to get to this level of competition and some of their events are never seen because NBC doesn't want to lose a few points in the ratings war.

This policy of "pick and choose your Olympic sports" belittles all of the sports that are deemed "not worthy" by a bunch of stiff suits who are more concerned with how something is going to look on a marketing report than on the incredibly important human element involved in the Olympics.

It sucks.

Other than that, though, there really isn't much to complain about regarding the Olympic games.

Granted, John Tesh and his moronic comments during the gymnastics competition have pressed the limits of my endurance at times, but otherwise the coverage has been pretty good and if for no other reason than the fact that the Olympics make a good conversational tool, I don't want to see them go so soon.

Enjoy our athletes, our victories and our goose-bump raising national anthem, because they'll be gone before you know it.

Sports

Nineteen apply for position of NSU's Athletic Director

Nineteen candidates have formally applied to become Northwestern's next athletic director, with more expected by Friday's application deadline, the University said Thursday morning.

The applicants will be reviewed by the University's 15-member Athletic Council, chaired by Dr. Vicki Parrish, beginning Monday. Finalists will be interviewed in early August. Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb will name the new athletic director, who will take over from interim athletic director Donnie Cox Sept. 1.

The post opened July 1 upon the retirement of Tynes Hildebrand, who served as Northwestern's athletic director in the last 14 years of a 44-year association with the University. Cox will not be an applicant for the position.

The list of applicants as of Thursday morning:

David H. Adams, director of marketing for Team Dynamics since 1992, former athletic director at Akron (1985-87).

Tom Apke, 53, formerly head basketball coach at Appalachian State (1986-96), Colorado (1981-86) and Creighton (1974-80); also athletic director at Creighton (1974-80).

Joseph A. Biedron, 45, president and CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce since 1991; former athletic director at Monmouth College (1987-90).

Daniel L. Bridges, 40, athletic director at California Institute of Technology since 1989.

Greg Burke, 37, director of athletic development and marketing at Akron since 1992; former assistant athletic director for fund-raising at Northwestern (1986-92).



Burke

Roy Danforth, 54, formerly athletic director at Fairleigh Dickinson (1986-95); former head basketball coach at Tulane (1976-81).

Dr. Richard "Dick" Ellis, 51, former athletic director at Baylor (1993-96).

Dr. Brad Hovious, 47, former athletic director at Arkansas State (1993-96), Texas-El Paso (1987-93) and Delta State (1977-87).

David A. Johnson, 44, assistant football coach at East Coweta (Ga.) High; former athletic director at Iowa Wesleyan (1986-95).

Kevin Kyle, 35, director of athletic development at Kent State since 1992.

Dr. Robert D. McBee, 49, special assistant to the vice president of student affairs at Eastern Illinois; former athletic director at Eastern Illinois (1994-96) and Robert Morris (1989-94).



Pierson

Dick Myers, administrator in the Fairfax (Va.) County school system; former athletic director at Creighton (1990-91).

Dr. Len Nardone, 49, associate executive director of the USA Team Handball Federation since 1995; former athletic director at Sheldon Jackson College in Alaska (1989-95), Philadelphia Textile (1988-89) and Seattle University (1981-85).

Pat Pierson, 40, head of Northwestern's Department of Family and Consumer Services since 1993; former women's basketball coach at Northwestern (1978-87) and East Carolina (1987-92).

Russ Sharp, 43, athletic director at Centenary College since 1994.

Scott Street, 34, assistant athletic trainer/administrative assistant for basketball, Wake Forest, since 1994.

Tom Virgets, 43, president of Virgets Training Enterprises (boxing management & promotion firm) since 1991; former athletic director, West Georgia (1988-91).

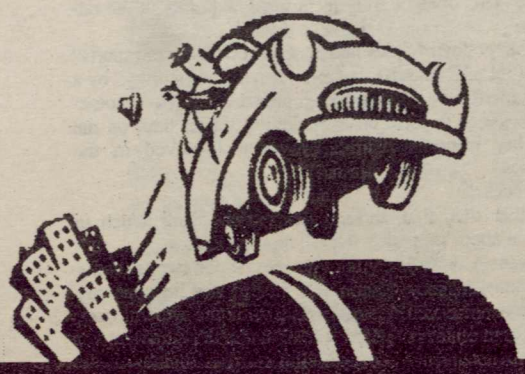
Dr. Harold L. Whiteley, 48, aerial crop photo technician in Lewisville, Texas; formerly physical education instructor at North Texas.

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According to Parrish, the Athletic Council will review applicants beginning Monday and hopes to begin interviewing finalists soon afterward.

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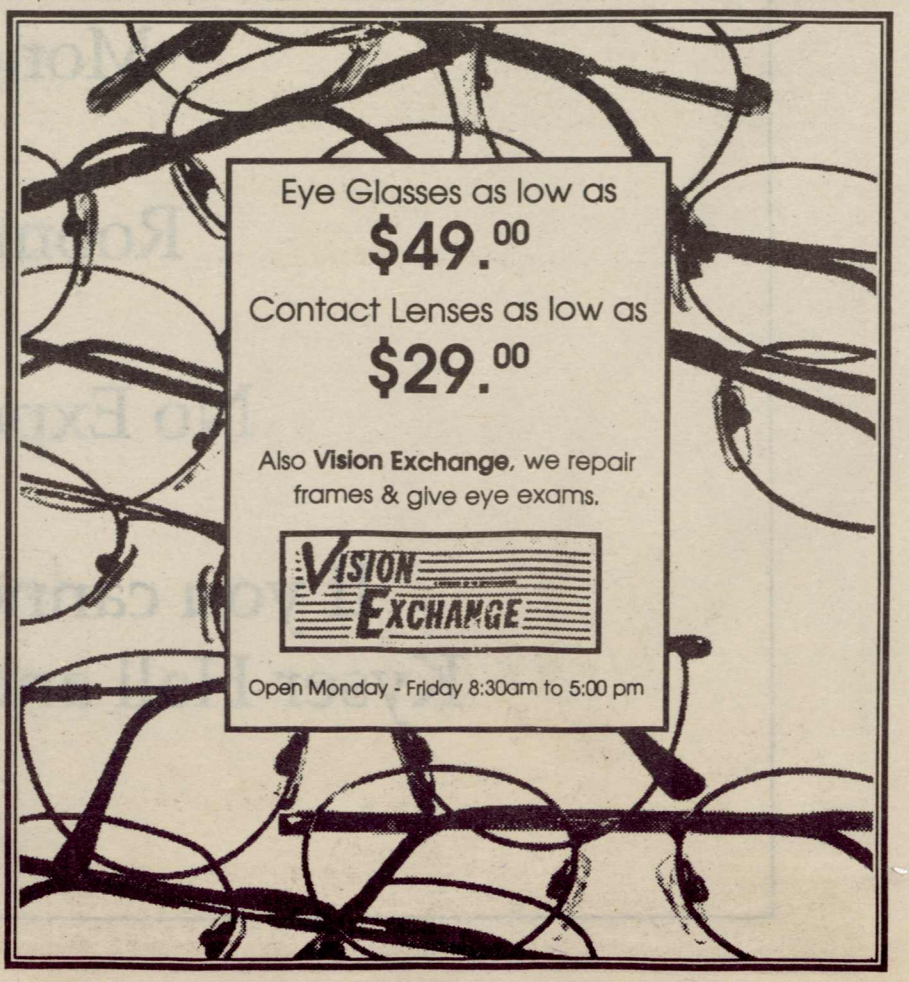
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Student pleads guilty to federal charges of possession of child pornography

Andrew Martin
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A Louisiana Scholars' College student pled guilty to possession of child pornography earlier this summer.

Joseph Clinton Weinmunson III, 26, pled guilty in U.S. District Court to one count of possession of child pornography obtained through interstate or foreign commerce.

Weinmunson had been under investigation since Jan. 3 this year after university administrators notified university police of possible misconduct and abuse involving the school's internet system, according to Detective Doug Prescott of the University Police.

Weinmunson accidentally left a computer disk containing child pornography in one of the computer labs on campus, a move that prompted the investigation.

The investigation was handled by the university police department until it became apparent that the the sexually explicit pictures were coming from overseas. At that point, the U.S. Customs Office was brought in to assist with the investigation, Prescott said.

Prescott described the investigation as one where the University, Scholars' College and university police all "shared a lot of information."

The investigation of Weinmunson continued until March 26 when customs agents and Prescott went to Weinmunson's residence, where he consented to a search.



Weinmunson

The search turned up more evidence that, according to Prescott, was used in Weinmunson's prosecution.

Investigators were concerned with making sure that no children were being abused locally, and eventually found that none were. None of the pictures that Weinmunson had in his possession originated from the area.

"We have no reason to believe that he [Weinmunson] was involved in actual child abuse," Prescott said. "It appears that his involvement is limited to downloading the pictures. It looks like he got curious, looked into it [sexually explicit pictures] and got himself in trouble."

Weinmunson has said that he found the pictures by accident when looking through a listing of internet user groups and that they "disturbed" him, but that he did continue to be involved in reproducing, commonly known as downloading, the photos for "about a year and a half."

Weinmunson said that he has never been involved in any form of child abuse and doesn't feel that his use of child pornography would have led to any form of abuse.

He also went on to say that he is undergoing counseling though he was too ashamed to seek help in the beginning.

"I always knew what I was doing was wrong," Weinmunson said. "I know I can't let this go any farther. I understand that this is disturbing, but when you get right down to it all I did was look at some pictures."

Weinmunson went on to say that he did "enjoy the pictures on some level that I am not proud of."

Prescott advised Northwestern students to stay away from downloading pictures in the same manner that Weinmunson did.

"Whenever you start reproducing files, you run into copyright problems with federal guidelines," Prescott said, "which can get you into a lot of trouble."

Weinmunson is to be sentenced on Oct. 2 by Judge F.A. Little Jr. and faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

NSU endures major faculty and staff changes over the summer months

Tatum Lyles
News Editor

Throughout the past few months the faculty of Northwestern has taken on a new look. New faces can be seen in several departments and at Watson Library.

About 20 new faculty members have joined Northwestern, filling positions in the Division of Business, Department of Creative and Performing Arts, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Department of Health and Human Performance, Department of Language and Communication, Division of Mathematics and Science and the Department of Journalism.

Through the summer, many faculty also moved to new positions.

Dr. Thomas Hanson was named acting Dean of Graduate Studies and Research filling the position formally held by President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

Hanson, who has been at Northwestern since 1990 has served as an associate professor of mathematics and director of information systems. He has taught courses in mathematics, computer science and computer literacy. In the past year he has provided leadership in planning and budgeting for all Northwestern's computer needs.

Hanson will serve as Dean of Graduate Studies and Research until a permanent successor is named. Northwestern will conduct a national search for the position.

"Dr. Hanson is a very competent, knowledgeable individual with the leadership abilities to promote and continue the development of Northwestern's graduate program," said acting Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Thomas A. Burns. "His past experience in higher education and with large corporations make him an excellent person for this position."

Another change for the University has come with the resignation of the director of the Louisiana Scholar's College, Dr. Ray Wallace who will assume full-time teaching duties in the Department of Language and Communication this fall.

Wallace became director of the Scholar's College in 1993 after one year as head of the Department of Language and Communication. While at Scholar's College, he

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Funeral services for district judge, NSU alumni to be held today

Funeral services will be Tuesday afternoon at 2 in the First Baptist Church of Coushatta for 39th Judicial District Judge Richard N. Ware IV, a former Northwestern State football star and "Mr. NSU" who was about to begin his 18th season as color analyst on radio broadcasts of the university's football games.

Ware, the incoming president of the Louisiana District Judges Association, died early Saturday morning in a one-car accident six miles east of Coushatta.

Visitation at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Coushatta begins at 3 p.m. Monday. Burial Tuesday will be at the Arcadia Cemetery in Arcadia.

In lieu of flowers, Ware's family requests donations to the Richard Ware Foundation for the Children of Red River Parish, P.O. Box 401, Coushatta, LA 71019. Ware did extensive work advocating prevention of child abuse in Louisiana.

Ware is survived by his wife, Betty, and two step-children, 29-year-old James Givens and 27year-old Janelle Givens.

Ware, 47, apparently fell asleep and lost control of his 1993 utility vehicle on Louisiana 480 about 2:30 a.m. Saturday. The vehicle left the road, overturned and impacted several trees, according to Louisiana State Police Troop G. Ware suffered a broken neck and died at the scene, officers said.

He was returning home from New Orleans, where he spent a significant amount of his judicial schedule serving as a visiting judge, primarily in the overbooked dockets of the metro area.

Ware presided over the 39th Judicial District, which encompasses all of Red River Parish, since 1982. After winning election in 1982, he was unopposed for his next two terms and would have began his fourth term this fall.

He was slated to become president of the Louisiana District Judges Association in October. He held the office of second vice-president.

For his work advocating prevention of child abuse in Louisiana, Ware received the prestigious Commissioner's Award in 1994 presented by Donna Shalala, the federal government's Secretary of Health and Human Services.

He served as chairman of the Childrens' Trust Fund Board and president of the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He was a member of the Children's Code Committee and the Continuing Revision Committee of the Louisiana Law Institute.



Ware

Ware, a star fullback at Northwestern from 1967-70, was elected to the university's Graduate "N" Club Hall of Fame in 1984 for his football achievements, which included setting a single-game rushing record.

He was elected "Mr. NSU" by the student body in 1970 and was voted permanent team captain by the 1970 football team.

"Richard Ware was a wonderful ambassador for Northwestern," said university President Dr. Randall J. Webb. "He bettered the lives of thousands of young people through his extensive civic involvement, and brightened the lives of everyone he met. This is a tragic loss for our university and the entire state of Louisiana."

Ware was a native of West Monroe and president of his senior class at West Monroe High in 1967. As a hard-running fullback at Northwestern, he won All-Gulf States Conference recognition and was the league's Most Valuable Back as a senior. He led the Demons in rushing in 1969 and 1970. His 1,735 career yards rushing ranks 10th all-time in school history. Ware set a single-game record with 186 yards rushing on 34 carries on Sept. 26, 1970 against Southwest Oklahoma.

"I didn't make many of those yards without a lot of good help," said Ware in a 1994 interview. "There was some great blocking and I happened to be the guy with the ball."

"Richard was a powerful runner, but he could be extremely hard nosed," said Johnnie Simmons, an assistant coach on those Northwestern teams. "He was a wonderful fellow to coach and an excellent team leader."

Ware was an avid supporter of Northwestern's athletic and alumni activities and had served as an adjunct faculty member while he practiced law in Natchitoches prior to becoming district judge.

"Richard was as good a friend as you could hope to have, and as true a Northwestern Demon as there will ever be," said veteran Northwestern head football coach Sam Goodwin. "Everybody who met him loved the guy."

Northwestern's football team will wear black decals with Ware's jersey number, 38, on their helmets this season in his memory, said Goodwin.

Saturday, as the university's intercollegiate women's soccer team played its inaugural match on campus, the players and coaches wore black armbands in tribute to Ware.



New members of Alpha Omicron Pi celebrate Bid Day on Greek Hill last week

photo by Eric Dutile

Alpha Omicron Pi joins Northwestern Greek system; will hold special colonization rush this week

Andrew Martin
Current Sauce

Northwestern's Greek system has taken on a new look this year with the addition of Alpha Omicron Pi, an international women's fraternity.

The plans to bring Alpha Omicron Pi began last April, according to Dana Ray, Alpha Omicron Pi's National Public Relations Coordinator. The university decided to bring in the organization following Sigma Kappa's failed bid to reorganize.

Alpha Omicron Pi participated in Northwestern's Formal Panhellenic Rush along with Sigma Sigma Sigma and Phi Mu and brought in its first 31 members during that process.

Alpha Omicron Pi sent 31 girls to help start the new chapter from three schools in Ga.; Samford Birmingham, Birmingham Southern and Auburn, and from Northeastern Louisiana in Monroe.

Alpha Omicron Pi officials were pleased with the amount of support that Northwestern as a whole had provided.

"We've been extremely pleased with the support that we have gotten here," said Robin Wright, Alpha Omicron Pi's Executive Board Director. "We've received as much, if not more support than in other situations."

Alpha Omicron Pi will begin holding its special colonization rush Sept. 4 through Sept. 6 at the Alpha Omicron Pi house on Greek Hill.

All unaffiliated women at NSU are invited to attend the activities planned which include an informational presentation, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. and a theme party Sept. 5 at 7 pm, both at the Alpha Omicron Pi House. Potential new members will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Alpha Omicron Pi representatives during personal appointments Sept. 4 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Sept. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Alpha Omicron Pi house.

For more information on Alpha Omicron Pi's special colonization rush activities, please contact Reatha Cox, Office of Greek Life, 357-6511.

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Student Government Association

The first SGA meeting of the semester will be Wednesday September 4, 1996 at 9:00pm in room 221 the Conference Room in the Student Union. Anyone is welcome to attend. The SGA will be discussing Homecoming Court, Mr. and Miss NSU, and the new Senator position elections. They will also be sending out ballots for Homecoming Court and Mr. and Miss NSU nominations to all registered student organizations and all residence hall floors. The SGA office will also be sending the student organizations new renewal cards for the 1996-1997 school year. When each student organization receives these packets read through them carefully and return all required information by the deadline stated. For questions concerning the upcoming elections call 357-4501 or stop by the SGA office room 222 in the Student Union and ask for Alicia Thomas.

Student Employment

Student Employee hours will be cut due to the increase of minimum wage. This will begin with the first pay period for the Fall Sem~ester 1996. Scholarships will be cut from 30 hours to 27 hours a pay period. Federal College Work Study will be cut from 40 hours to 37 hours a pay period. The minimum wage will increase to $4.75 per hour. Students will make the same amount of money working less hours. Students are not allowed to work over their assigned hours.

Campus*Connections*

Diamond Dolls

All NSU Diamond Dolls that worked the 1996 Baseball Season will meet at 5 p.m. September 12th in the lobby of the Student Union. If you have any questions, call 357-0531.

Rowing Team

If any student is interested in rowing, please call Calvin Cupp at 357-5921 or stop by the Crew Office located in the Intramural Building.

Blue Key

Blue Key will be holding their first meeting Thursday, Sept. 5, in the Blue Key Room, third floor Student Union. Elections for this year's officers will be held.

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worked to increase enrollment and retention at the state's designated honors college in the liberal arts.

"I'm excited about my future at Northwestern," Wallace said. "It's time for me to step down from the Scholars' College and return to writing projects I have left too long on the back burner. I want to return to my first love, teaching writing, and let a new voice lead the Scholars' College.

"I leave this position pleased with what the faculty and staff have accomplished during my time as director. NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb understands my desire to return to teaching graduate and undergraduate students in the general university. I will genuinely miss many of the great Scholars' College students I have recruited over the years."

Dr. Virginia Crossno, who has been at NSU for 17 years, has been named director of university planning and assessment and equal employment opportunity officer.

Also among the rearrangement of positions is the appointment of Dr. Thomas A. Burns as interim vice president for academic affairs.

A permanent appointment is to be made during the next academic year.

Burns, who is also a professor of biology, has been a member of Northwestern's faculty for 28 years and head of the Department of Life Sciences for 12 years.

"I have a tremendous respect for Dr. Burns as a scholar and academic administrator," Webb said. "He supports high academic standards and is very student oriented. He will work closely and effectively with academic administrators and faculty in continuing to improve the quality of Northwestern's academic programs and services."

University officials wouldn't comment on former vice president for academic affairs Dr. Edward Graham's release from the position.

Webb was also unavailable for comment on the matter.

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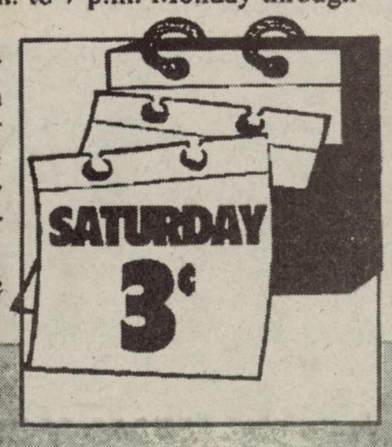
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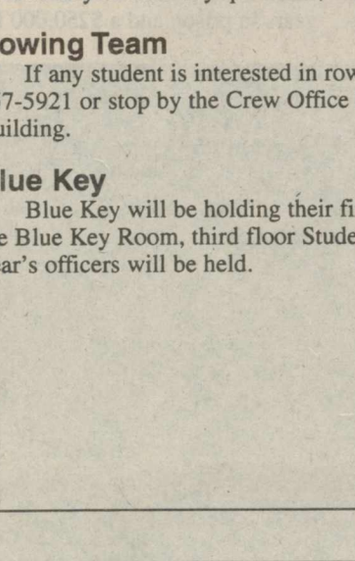
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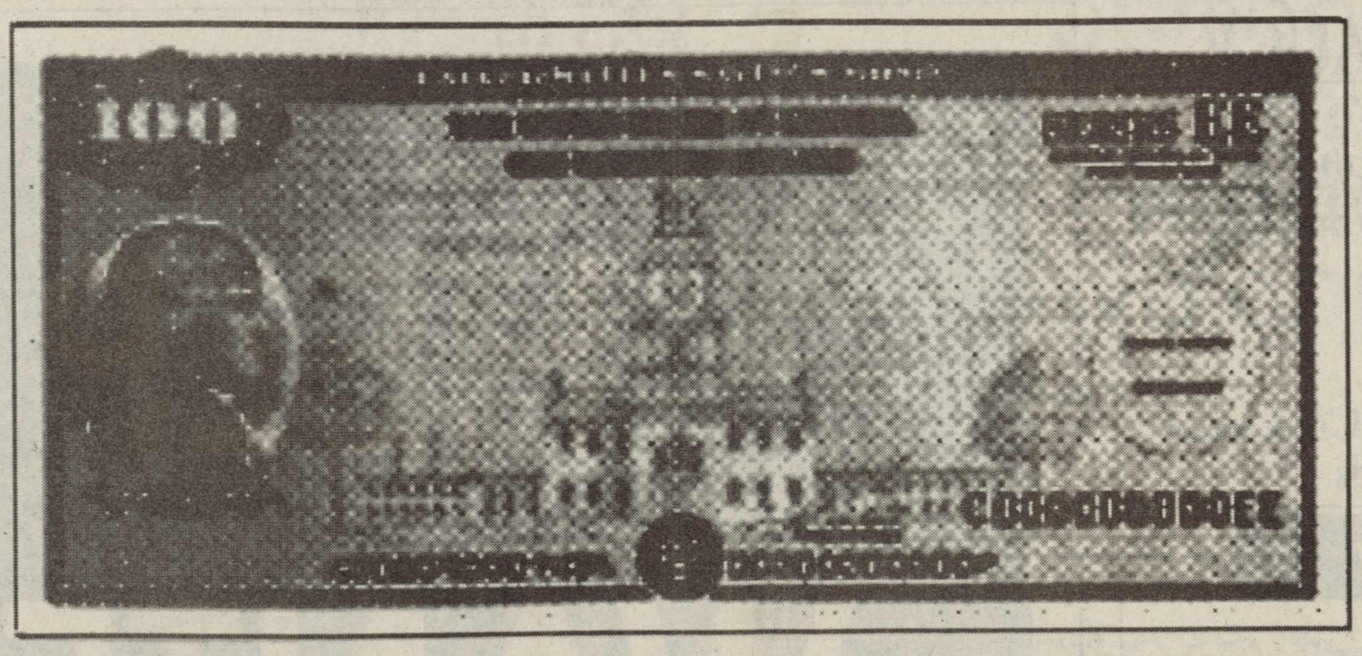
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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to Northwestern-- home of the Demons, $25 parking tickets, Aramark food, campus beautification and at least for now, thousands of students ready to soak in all the knowledge their professors have to offer.

And as always, the beginning of a new semester brings problems. Loan checks are late, book prices are up, scholarships are lost, lines are too long, professors expect you to attend class and you couldn't find a decent roommate if your life depended on it.

This semester is no different- or is it?

A relatively new administration is running the show now. NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb has had three months to get settled into his new office and several faculty changes have occurred during that time.

Dr. Webb has instituted an "open door policy" for all Northwestern faculty. He encourages the faculty and staff to make themselves accessible to students through office hours and attendance at student events. So far, Webb has followed his own rules.

"Maybe the motto about students being important will actually come true....."

Students' e--mail messages are answered promptly and Webb has been seen around campus talking- and even listening to students. Webb has also offered his office to help students when they don't know where else to turn.

The addition of several faculty members can also give returning students hope- hope that maybe this year will be different, maybe the motto about students being important will actually come true and maybe this semester some of us will actually figure out what we want to do with the rest of our lives.

As for the freshmen joining the rest of us in the "hallowed halls" of NSU, a special welcome to you. You have no idea what you've just gotten into. Just jump in and pretend you know what you are doing. Some of us have been doing exactly that for four years.

Who knows? This new administration may have so many ideas and programs, the Northwestern we all know and love, might change before our very eyes.

None of us know what other changes will be made during these fifteen weeks, but several things are certain- everyone will get at least one parking ticket, getting eight hours of sleep will be a thing of the past, the best parties will always be the night before the big exam and the food here will never be as good as your mom's.

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NSU: Better than high school and not much else



The Bottom Line

Andrew Martin

After being back at NSU for a little over a week and enduring the first three days of classes, I'm already prepared to get the hell out of here.

I'm sure that some of the other people on this campus who have been here for a few years would be willing to agree with that, although I doubt that many of the freshmen would.

Don't worry, that will change with time.

One of the first things that freshmen need to realize about this school is that, while it has its moments, it sucks.

Need examples? Let me elaborate.

First off, let me say that it is better than high school, unless you were one of those popular, cliquish type individuals who had their glory days on a high school football field or swilling beer in the local McDonald's parking lot.

Here at Northwestern, you get some autonomy from the parents and a chance to start over. No one here knows anything about you from high school, and a lot of people need that.

Beyond being better than high school, NSU is better than little else, save maybe a barium enema or a really bad stubbed toe.

I'm not just trying to bad mouth the school, they have really earned this low rating from me.

Parking seems to be worse than ever. I was signed up for an english course in the Teacher Education Building and promptly had to drop it.

The parking was so bad by the TEC that people were parked in the grass all up and down Tarlton Drive and when the fascist establishment has parking ticket prices set at twenty-five dollars, I'm not going to risk parking illegally.

> "You would think that you were bringing a guest into some top-secret nuclear testing facility by all of the steps that it takes to get someone into the dorm."

No where else in the world would the "powers-that-be" be lame enough to eliminate parking spaces (the ones that used to be in front of Kyser Hall down the middle of the lot) when there aren't enough parking areas to begin with.

Hello.....get your heads out of your asses.

Dorm life. If you are currently living in a dorm and have never done so before I have two words for you. Shower shoes.

If you don't have them, go get them unless you are big on athlete's foot.

The dorms are also a lot of fun due to their really liberal policies regarding things like visitation. You would think that you were bringing a guest into some top-secret nuclear testing facility by all of the steps that it takes to get someone in. I'm waiting for the people in housing to start requiring a body cavity search to get in and out of the dorms.

The food on campus. Freshmen. In case you haven't noticed, the food in Iberville is pretty bad. But hey, don't worry because it really won't get any better over in the student union, although the prices do go up considerably.

One thing that is working out on campus right now is the effective, yet painful, beautification process.

I have made the whole beautification scheme a personal target of mine since the first bricks were placed a while back, but I must admit that the whole post office, Kyser Hall area does look pretty damn good now. I wonder how much better it will look after they get the landscaping done?

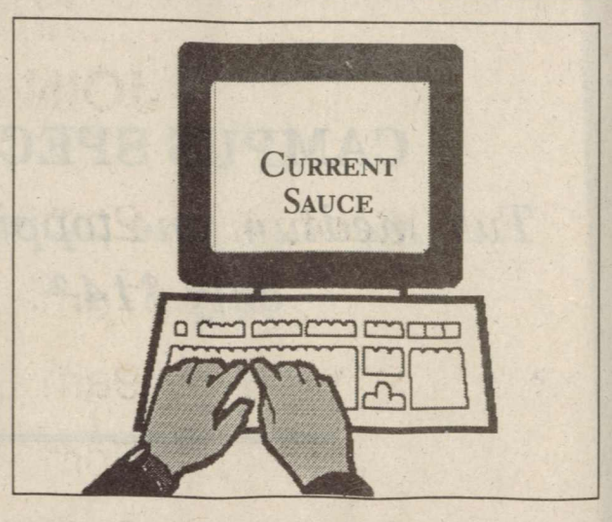
Having said something positive about the bricks, I must bring up something troubling about them. When are they going to stop? Rumor has it that the administration is going to brick a path all of the way to the library. With all of the money that needs to be spent on the students around here, bricks should definitely come last.

All in all, this is not a really great school, but hey what should I expect? It isn't like this is an Ivy League institution or anything.

And besides, its not like your bachelor's degree really means anything anymore anyway.

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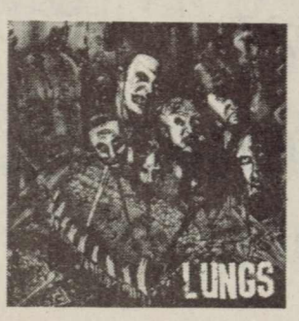
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"Better Class of Losers" very appropriate title for subpar new release from L.U.N.G.S

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L.U.N.G.S.
Better Class of Losers
Pavement



For those of you who had the pleasure of leaving our little "Metropolitan Capital of Northwest Louisiana" and actually going somewhere for the summer, welcome back. This is going to be an interesting semester. I have Metal in store for you from bands as close as Alexandria and Houma to as far away as Tokyo, Japan. So strap yourself in to your favorite electric chair and wait for the voltage to kick in. This is going to be fun.

Meanwhile, this review of L.U.N.G.S. should be enough to help you occupy your time. If not, go out and get yourself another tattoo or something.

First of all, consider yourself forewarned. If you have any aversion to the "F" word whatsoever, then "Better Class of Losers" most definitely is not the album for you. Tipper and crew left their mark on this disc with ample cause, Bubo.

I'm only two minutes into a particular track and I've counted the "F'er" at least 25 times. Personally, I've gotten to the point where I tend not to even notice it anymore (I think of Natural Born Killers as a romantic comedy), but on "Better Class of Losers", it's kind of hard to miss.

It's sampled, spoken, rapped and written. There's just no way around it. So if you're a dainty miss, I suggest you stay the "F" away from L.U.N.G.S. and find yourself a nicer class of losers to hang out with instead.

Listening to "Better Class of Losers" will automatically bring Biohazard to mind. Granted, Biohazard is a bit more riff-heavy than L.U.N.G.S., but it doesn't matter. The similarities exist nonetheless.

This is crossover music that mixes rap and Metal, and you'll definitely have to have a liking for both in order to stomach the sounds on this disc. It's a bit less heavy than Biohazard, but a bit more rappy than Ice-T's Body Count. L.U.N.G.S. has apparently found a hole to crawl into somewhere between the two.

If that seems like it might work for you, then by all means feel free to add "Better Class of Losers" to your collection. However, in my opinion, I think I'd save my money and wait from something more worthwhile to come along (like the new Crowbar due out Oct. 1).

"Better Class of Losers" really doesn't appeal to my tastes and I couldn't find anything original on this disc. They even rip off W.A.S.P on the cover. (Okay, heads on sticks, been there, done that.) L.U.N.G.S. hasn't covered anything that hasn't already been done before.

They haven't even managed to improve on something that was already out there.

I already have both Biohazard and Body Count in my CD collection. Adding L.U.N.G.S. to the mix didn't do one thing to improve the flavor.

Granted, it's not the worst thing I've ever heard, but I don't consider it worth the 15 clams you'd have to shell out for a copy.

Like I said, save your dough for some new ink or a better disc. I think "Better Class of Losers" is something you really can afford-to miss out on. Unless, of course, you're just a die-hard fan of the crossovers. In that case, knock yourself out.

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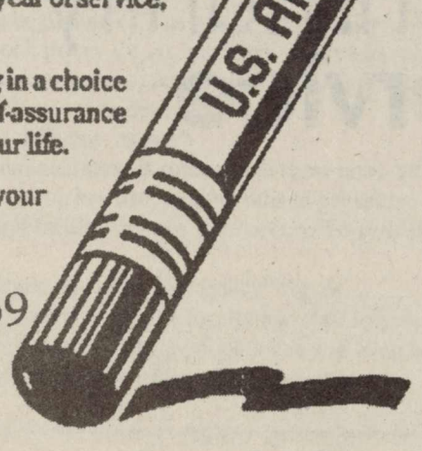
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Sports

Women's soccer opens up season with a 0-3 loss to McNeese

The McNeese Cowgirls' defeated the Northwestern women's soccer team 3-0, in a tight match to win the inaugural contest for both universities.

McNeese freshman Jamie Wehner scored the Cowgirls' first and last goals. Northwestern, with its top offensive player sidelined by an eligibility problem, only managed six shots on goal in the two-hour match and

> "We got a wonderful turnout and I wish we could have rewarded everyone with a win."
>
> -Maribeth Forrest, women's soccer coach

McNeese goalkeeper Julie Greenburg blocked them. McNeese attempted 13 shots on Northwestern's Jennifer Gordon.

McNeese broke a scoreless deadlock seven minutes into the second half when Wehner headed in a corner kick from Laurie Templet. The Cowgirls pulled away in the last five minutes as Jennifer Brooks and Wehner nailed goals.

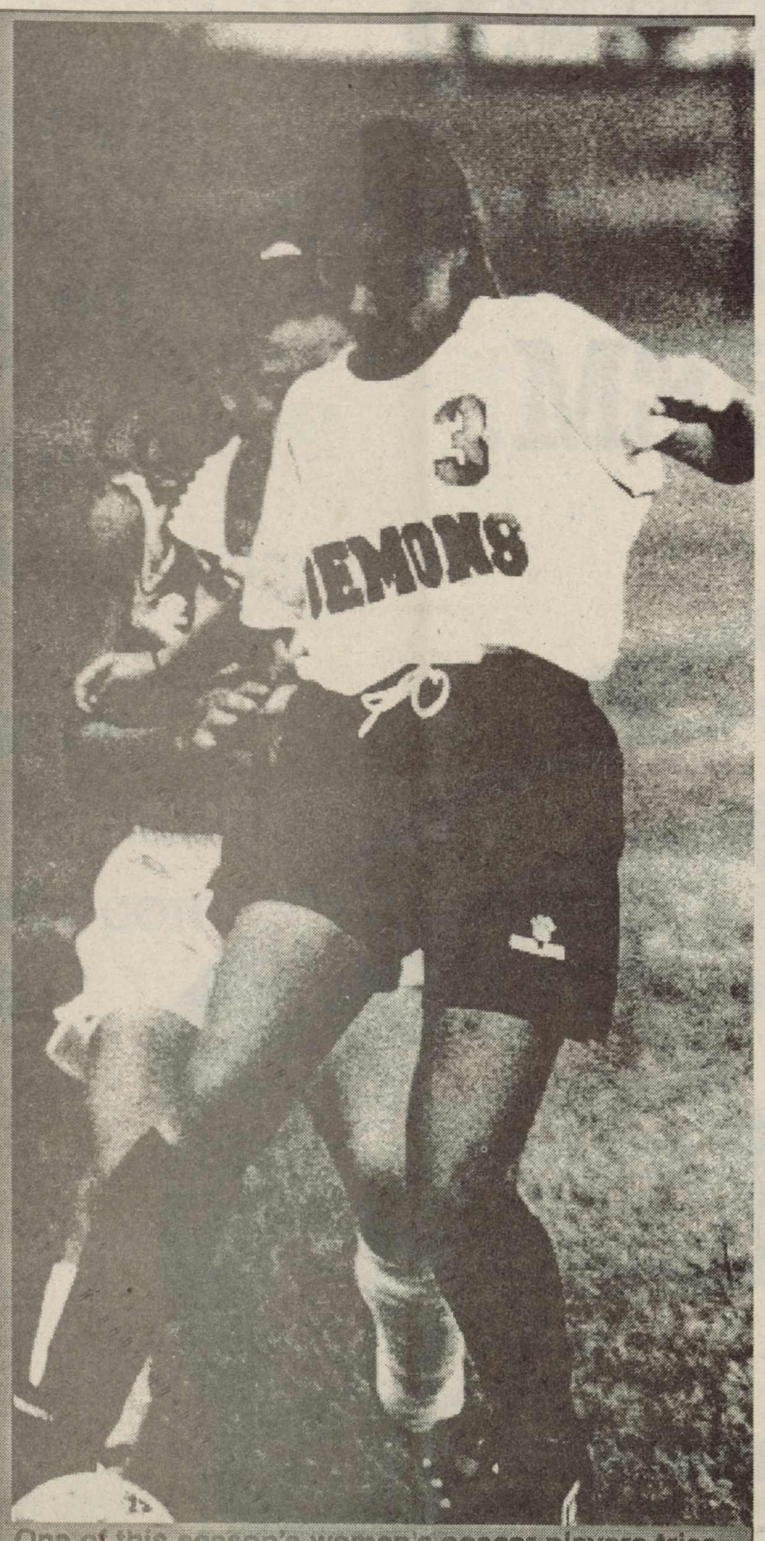
"I think we played well but we got tired at the end and McNeese took advantage of that," said Northwestern coach Maribeth Forrest. "We had some nice combinations and moved the ball quite well when we had our heads into the game. It's not unusual to give up a few goals if you're trying to rally at the end of the game, when the defenders are running up to make an offensive move."

The Demon women had to play without Tammy Peck, a forward whose California junior college transcript did not arrive in time for her to be certified as eligible to play. "We particularly suffered offensively without Tammy Peck, who gives the team a different dimension. The whole team feels her presence when she's on the field," Forrest said. "She's an impact player."

Northwestern President Dr. Randall Webb and new Athletic Director Greg Burke, as well as approximately 200 fans, enjoyed the match from the sidelines. Webb made a ceremonial kickoff at midfield before the match, drawing cheers from the fans and players from both schools.

"It's great to finally get underway," said Forrest. "We got a wonderful turnout and I wish we could have rewarded everyone with a win. "I really believe this game will have a positive impact on our team, now the players have game experience. They're no longer playing against each other. They're playing against another team and that will help them raise the intensity level in our practices," she said.

The Demons' next home game is September 24 against Centenary College.



One of this season's women's soccer players tries to outmaneuver a McNeese defender.

Goodwin discusses upcoming football season, team strengths

Dan Helms
Staff reporter

With the loss of many experienced players one may be wondering how well the Demon Football team will do this year.

"Relying on youth will be the biggest problem. We have a lot of talent on the team, but they need to grow up fast," Head Coach Sam Goodwin said.

Finishing one game short of the playoffs last season, another difficult year is expected for the Demon football program.

"Nine out of the eleven games will be very tough. There are three teams in the conference who finished in the top five in Division 1-AA and Southern, who won the National Black Championship. We'll need to win early in the season," Goodwin said.



Goodwin

Despite the tough schedule, many of the players remain optimistic.

"We are focused and determined. Even though we lost a lot of starters last year, our defense is solid. I think we will stop the run and our secondary can stop the pass," said outside linebacker Josh King.

This year's defensive unit looks very strong, especially with cornerbacks Jermaine Jones and Keith Thibideaux.

"They are probably the best cornerbacks I have seen come through NSU since Randy Hilliard, who now plays for the Denver Broncos," Goodwin said. "We can play man to man on defense which is something we have not had since 1988. Therefore, this year we will concentrate on the running game."

Jones and Thibideaux are confident that they will enable the defense to stop the opposition's running game better.

"I think that with Keith and I at cornerback, we can stop the passing game and let the defense focus on the run," said Jermaine Jones.

According to members of the team, this could be one of the best offenses in Demon history.

"We will fill two vital roles early in the season, which are consistency and leadership. It is going to be up to us, the seniors, to guide this team early," said Stuart Archer. The running game should be good with Rob Robertson at fullback and Anthony Williams at tailback.

"The big question mark on offense is quarterback right now. We don't have a Brad Laird who started four years, in fact we haven't got anyone that has hardly played. The quarterback is the key on the offense," said Goodwin.

Despite confusion on the quarterback issue, the players are still confident in the team's potential.

"I know whoever gets to start at quarterback will do a fine job," said Brandon Emanuel. "We have still got our top two receivers from last year and are just as strong at the tight-end position."

Ticket distribution process changes for Southern game

Kenn Posey
Sports Editor

The season opener for the Demons has the potential to be a sellout. The Demons open up the season against Southern, a game which will set an NSU attendance record of close to 15,000 fans.

Because the attendance is expected to be so high, all seats will be reserved. However, all students will be guaranteed a seat. Each student must pick up their tickets by 5:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at the field house.

According to Doug Ireland, the director of sports information, students picking up tickets in advance is a standard practice for larger universities who are accustomed to sellout crowds.

"We have added ushers and other staff members to make sure the seating problem will be handled, both bands will be seated on the field to allow around 500 extra seats for the fans," Ireland said. He also added that this will make it easier on the ticket staff as well as students who want to attend the season opener.

Dan Korn, ticket manager, said that this policy went into effect a little over a month ago. Korn added that this will not be the policy for every home game, the staff just needed to avoid an overcrowding problem for this game.

"We have been getting the word out by passing out fliers around campus, we have also contacted student groups leader such as the SGA, Panhellenic and the IFC to make sure that these groups knew to pick tickets up in advance," Korn said. Fliers were distributed at fee payment to students at Prather Coliseum.

"Many students will often try to get more than one ticket with their ID, this way the staff will have a list of names to match with the IDs to avoid this problem. The staff is expecting a larger crowd than last year. The ticket staff is also going to be flexible with the distribution of the tickets. "So far the tickets have been going like hotcakes," Korn said.

This policy has come as a surprise to some students.

Kevin Brough, sophomore business administration major, said that this will result in many students not going to the game.

"This policy infringes on the students right to the game. Many times going to the game is a last minute decision and this way if they do not have the tickets in advance then they can not go," Brough said.

The season opener has the promise of being a great kick-off for the Demon football season. Students are encouraged to plan ahead for the game and get their ticket early.

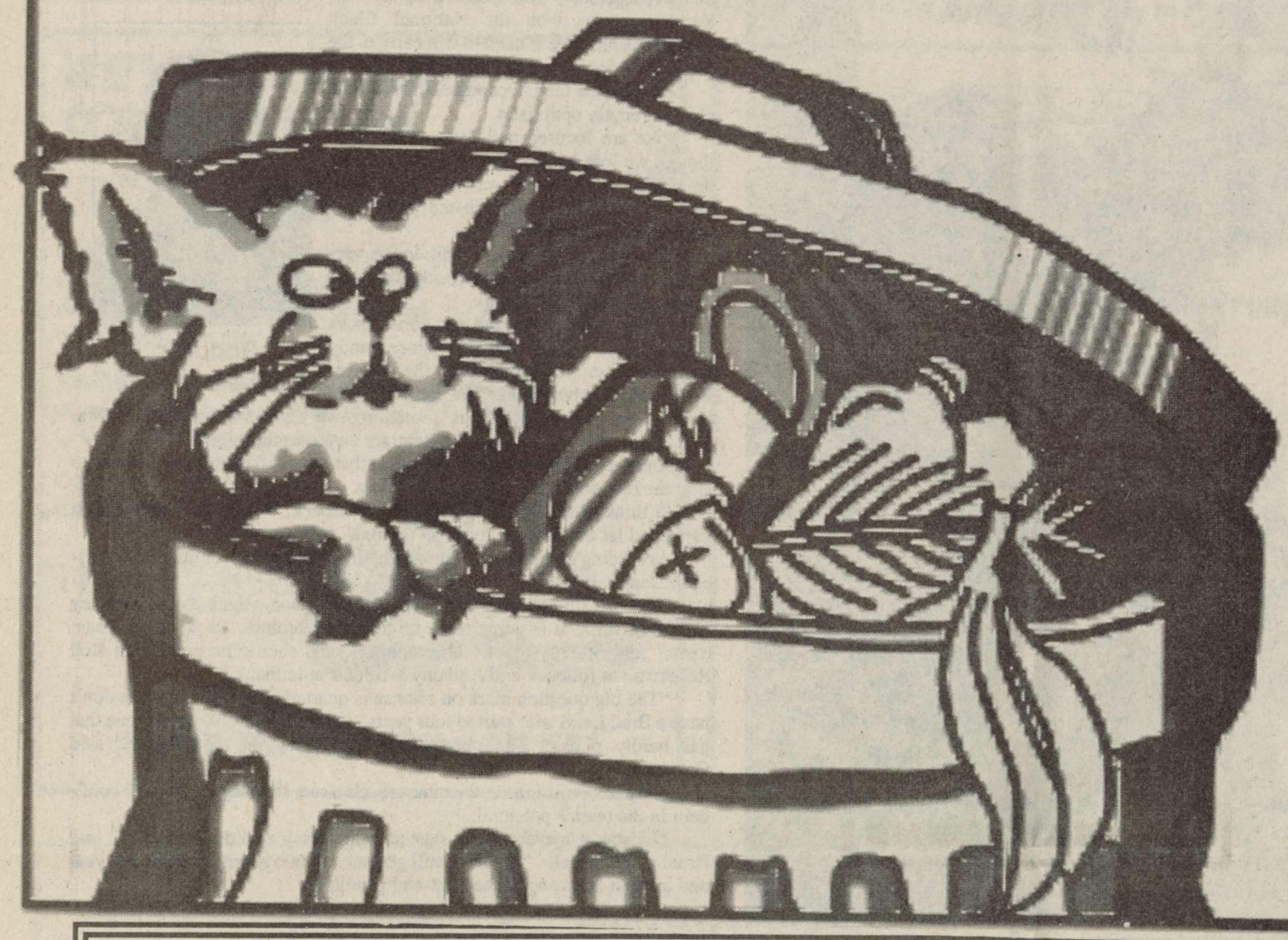


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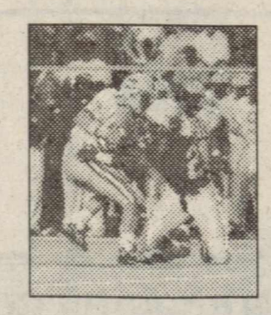
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Students start semester with new parking policies, tickets

Sarah Crooks
Managing Editor

Parking tickets. Everyone has seen those bright yellow envelopes waiting under the windshield wipers of unsuspecting students.

This semester the price is the same- $25- but the rules are a little different.

Freshmen and sophomore commuters must park in the parking lot across from Turpin Stadium. Last year, only freshmen commuters were required to park there. This new policy was decided by the faculty and students who make up the University Traffic Committee.

Although stadium parking stickers cost $5 less than other parking stickers, campus Police Chief Rickie Williams said he has heard some complaints from students, most of them sophomores, about this new policy.

"It's a valid complaint." Williams said. "But this (new policy) is the only logical solution. When you've got a parking problem, somebody is going to have to park farther out. You might as well let your upperclassmen have the closest parking.

"We've got plenty of parking," Williams said. "But it's not as close as they'd like. Everybody wants to park right there by the building and you just can't do it."

Another new policy involves the west Student Union parking lot.

"We used to allow parking down the center of that lot and they did away with that," Williams said.

According to Williams the main reason behind this change is the addition of the road behind the post office. When vehicles are parked down the center of the lot, delivery trucks can't get out.

This change eliminated "around 20" spaces from the west Student Union lot, Williams said.

> **"People know when they are parking in the wrong spot..."**
>
> -Police chief Rickie Williams

Students should also notice the additional handicapped spaces put in during the summer.

"There are a lot of extra handicapped spaces," Williams said. "More and more people are coming up with handicapped license plates."

With all these changes, one thing remains the same University police are busy writing tickets.

On average, 200 parking tickets are given out daily, and many of those are appealed, Williams said.

"We get a lot of appeals and we're fixing to do something," Williams said. "We're getting too many appeals. People are just using it to keep from paying a ticket 'right now.' They know they're wrong and they know the Appeals Committee is going to make them pay it , but if they appeal it, it gives them another month to pay for the ticket and that's not what it was designed for."

According to Williams, the chances of having a ticket thrown out is "very rare," because there aren't many legitimate excuses for parking in the wrong zone or not having a parking sticker.

"People know when they are parking in the wrong spot and they know when they are parking in a 'no parking' zone," Williams said.

Williams suggests that students should to campus early to avoid getting a parking ticket, especially on rainy days. That's when the most tickets are given out.

"Nobody wants to get wet," Williams said. "They're afraid they're going to melt."

Additional parking lots are being planned, but students will have to be patient.

Money for new parking lots and repairs comes from the sale of $10 and $15 parking stickers, and according to Physical Plant Director Loran Lindsey, it takes many parking stickers to pay for

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Northwestern Campus Police Officer Tim Graves issues a ticket to an illegally parked student. photo by Steve Evans

Hundreds of NSU women go Greek during fall rush

Tatum Lyles
News Editor

With the start of the school year students may be asking themselves "How can I get more involved?"

One of the many answers to this question is GO GREEK!

With six fraternities and seven sororities Rushing this fall, there are many choices. This year there are two new Greek organizations. Alpha Omicron Pi, an international women's fraternity, and Sigma Nu fraternity have been working hard to make their appearance this fall a grand one.

According to Reatha Cox the participation in this year's sorority rush, of 142 women, was average as opposed to the large number of women last year.

For Alpha Omicron Pi, things went well.

"There was a lot of interest during formal rush and even more interest was shown during colonization rush." said Reatha Cox, assistant director of student activities and Greek adviser. Alpha Omicron Pi continued to take new members during their colonization rush which was held Sept. 4-6.

Sigma Nu is composed of members from a fraternity started last spring called Sigma Xi. It [Sigma Nu] was founded in 1869 at Virginia Military Institute and takes an active stand against hazing. They are also taking new members this fall.

So how did the rushees think sorority rush went? The comments ranged from people loving rush just because they had the opportunity to meet so many people to others loving rush for the new sisters they had chosen.

"I expected a slow, boring, unorganized process, but it was nothing like that," said freshman Danielle Brooks, after choosing Alpha Omicron Pi. "Everything was very time oriented but still fun and relaxed. If I had the chance to relive my rush week I would take it because it was an experience I will never forget."

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> -Danielle Brooks

Those participating in the week's activities within each house had the most to say.

"This year definitely brought about a quality Rush," said Jennifer Wilbanks, Rush director for Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. "The Greek system as a whole is now much stronger. Tri Sigma is very excited about our new members. We are looking forward to another great year!"

Stacey Michaels, Phi Mu Parliamentarian, was also happy with this year's Rush.

"I was extremely pleased at the number of great girls that went through rush," Michaels said. "I think each house has benefited enormously. With the colonization of Alpha Omicron Pi, NSU's Greek system is headed for bigger and better things."

With every Rush, the NSU Greek system grows stronger and larger. The bond shared between, not only each sorority and fraternity, but all Greeks on campus is evident in the efforts shown to pull together to support the colonization of another group.

"I think that the support that we have received at NSU has been tremendous," said Dana Ray, Alpha Omicron Pi public relations coordinator. "It is indicative of the strong Greek system on campus and we look forward to being an integral part of that strong system."

Housing problems not a new issue on campus; most complications traced back to students

Jane Baldwin-Gibby
Staff reporter

The wait is over for students who were in need of a place to live in the dormitories, according to Shelisa Theus from the auxiliary service office.

Theus says that by the end of the first two weeks of school, rooms were found for the students who needed them, after the housing office received cancellations from other students.

Theus said the housing office is accustomed to a housing shortage at the beginning of each semester and works, even on weekends, to find spaces for everyone.

"Even in the past when I was a student there was always a problem with housing and that was the whole point of bringing University Columns [apartment complex] here," Theus said. "It was to accommodate the shortage of housing we had, but it is a reoccurring problem every year.

"We thought it [University Columns] would totally eliminate the housing problem, but it did not," Theus said. "What happened is that we ended up attracting all the students who were living off campus, back onto the campus, so it didn't really create all the space we were hoping for."

Theus explained that a housing shortage usually occurs at the beginning of the school year because many students apply late.

"Usually around the first of August I'm filled to capacity, and I don't have any more rooms available," she said. "At that point I begin to work off cancellations...but those people who turn in their cards [room registration cards] after Aug. 1 are the hardest people to house."

Many cancellations came from upperclassmen who keep their rooms reserved until they could find other housing off campus, Theus said.

Theus also explained that many students do not take the time to let housing know they are going to cancel their room reservation until after registration, therefore, lengthening the wait for students who need rooms.

"A lot of upperclassmen will come on opening day and cancel their rooms," she said. "During registration, a lot of students will not even bother to tell us that they are canceling their rooms. They will simply go through registration and when the room shows up on their fee sheet they will say, 'Oh, well I never checked in; I want to cancel my room.'"

Even when there is shortage of housing, Theus says no exceptions are made as far as placing students who do not meet the requirements of living in Varnado Hall.

Only upperclassmen with a high GPA are allowed to live there.

"I made exceptions for a lot of people in a lot of different areas, but with Varnado I did not," Theus said. "Varnado has upperclassmen in it and a lot of graduate students. I want to keep it that way, so I never put freshmen in Varnado."

Freshmen are allowed to live in Dodd Hall although it has a GPA requirement of 2.5.

"We called upperclassmen in Dodd who had the GPA requirements to live in Varnado and asked them if they would like to move to Varnado...for those who said yes, I transferred their room assignment to Varnado just to keep the freshmen out."

At Northwestern, freshmen are required to live on campus, but when there is nowhere to put them, Theus said they do not get a room before upperclassmen.

"We deal with room assignments at a first come, first served basis," Theus said.

Freshmen can live in University Columns, but they must receive special permission from Harold Boutte, director of auxiliary services.

Usually, students must be 21 years of age or older to live there, but Theus said that "many exceptions have been made."

Unfortunately, no plans are made to build more dormitories, but renovations will be made to the present residential buildings.

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Campus Briefs

Rhythm and Brass
The group Rhythm and Brass will be featured Sept. 20 at 7:30p.m. in Prather Coliseum. NSU and LSMSA students will be admitted free with the presentation of a student ID. For ticket information contact Dr. William Mathis at 352-5724 or Linnye Daily at 352-7970.

"New Faces" of the Theatre
"New Faces," an event where chosen songs and monologues are preformed by freshmen, will occur on monday, Sept. 16. The first production will be "Taming of the Shrew" Oct. 8-12.

Tailgate Parties
SAB will sponsor pregame parties on Sept.21, Nov. 9, and Nov. 16 south of the Athletic Field House from 4p.m. until 6p.m.

Campus Connections

Student Activities Board
SAB will be holding elections for Representatives-at-Large on Monday, Sept. 16, in 221 Student Union. All those interested please apply in room 214 of the Student Union.

College Republicans
The College Republicans will hold their first informational meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10, in 321 Student Union. Everyone is invited to attend. We will be holding another informational meeting at a later date if anyone interested cannot attend.

Order of Omega
The National Order of Omega will be accepting applications for membership starting Wednesday, Sept. 11 in 214 Student Union and will be due by Thursday, Sept. 26 at noon. Requirements for membership include one full academic year at NSU, junior or senior undergraduate standing, GPA higher than the all-Greek average and good standing with your fraternal organization. If you have any questions contact your chapter president.

KNWD
KNWD will be holding staff meetings every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in 138 Kyser Hall. All personnel are reminded that your attendance to these weekly meetings is mandatory. This includes management staff, on-air dj's, dj's in training and news staff

Blue Key
Blue Key had its first meeting of the semester last Thursday. The following officers were elected: President, Michael Cao; Vice President, Jonathan Gautier; Secretary, Cedric Shorter; Treasurer, Matt Traylor.

Phi Mu
Study hall will be Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. in 316 Student Union. Wear letters on Wednesday and dress up on Thursday. You can order Bid Day party pictures at the house Thursday between 2 and 4p.m.

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a parking lot.

"The money doesn't accumulate very fast when you're talking about the cost of a parking lot," Lindsey said.

One of the projects in the planning stage is an extension to the TEC parking lot that will cost between $115,000 and $120,000.

Lindsey wants to get the base of the extension finished before the next summer session "if at all possible," to handle the overflow parking in that area.

NSU alumni facing counts of felony theft for allegedly misspending $91,000 in state grants

Former SGA president, Johnny Cox, and former SGA commissioner of elections, Jerome Cox, are being charged with 13 counts each of felony theft for allegedly misspending $91,000 in state grants.

According to the Friday, September 6, edition of the Shreveport Times, an arraignment was not set for the Cox brothers because the 39th Judicial District is vacant due to the death of Judge Richard N. Ware IV, the parish's sole judge.

No date has been set to fill the judgeship.

The two Northwestern alumni are accused of using money from the Governor's Office of Urban Affairs and Development to benefit the church where they are youth ministers, the Will of God Ministries Church in Coushatta.

According to the Times, the Cox brothers used the grants for the Louisiana Youth Outreach Coalition-a tutoring program run by the Jerome and Johnny Cox.

Eight alleged improprieties were cited in the audit, including a $34,222 salary paid to Linda Cox, Jerome Cox's wife.

According to the Times no evidence exists that she worked for her salary.

One count of felony theft over $500 carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and up to $3,000 in fines.

The Red River Parish District Attorney, William Jones, said that it is unlikely that the Cox brothers will be sentenced to the maximum of 130 years in prison and $39,000 in fines if the are convicted on all counts.

Neither brother has a previous record.

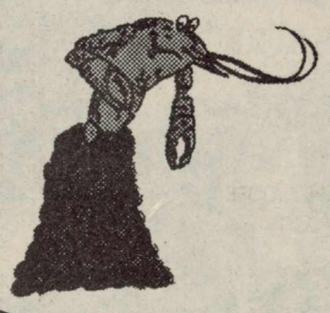
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Fraternity Rush underway; late start date raises questions

Jeremy Ekberg
Staff reporter

Fraternity rush began Sunday with an informational meeting in The Alley, sponsored by the Interfraternity Council.

"The Greek community as a whole, is a place for people who like college, want to have fun and want to take leadership positions," said IFC President, John Hatley.

In order to recruit new members the IFC, which consists of delegates from each fraternity, met last week to adopt a rush schedule. This schedule includes parties for perspective Greeks at each fraternity through Wednesday, when bids will be given.

The delay of this semester's fraternity rush upset some but may have been beneficial.

"Rush is being held too late, people are already in classes and there isn't enough time for the whole fraternity to get involved," said President of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Chris Staszak. But according to Hatley, the delay was an effort to increase involvement and make rush more accessible to the rushees.

Sigma Nu, formerly known as Sigma Xi, will be among the fraternities competing in formal rush. Hatley said that although they are still a colony, the chapter will participate like the other fraternities.

Hatley expected 85 to 110 men to participate in the week's activities. Rush booths were set up all over campus to spread information about rush and to assure people that they were not obligated to join a fraternity.

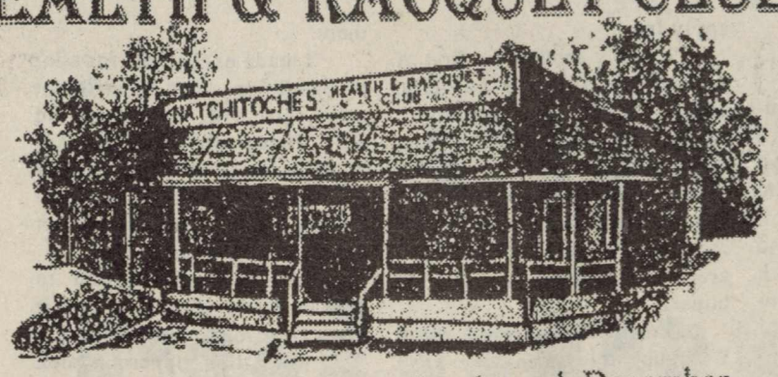
During the rush parties, fraternity members will stress the academic programs, brotherhood, leadership and goals of their organizations in an attempt to sway rushees in their direction, Hatley said.

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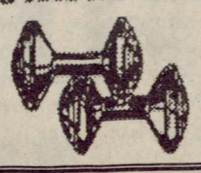
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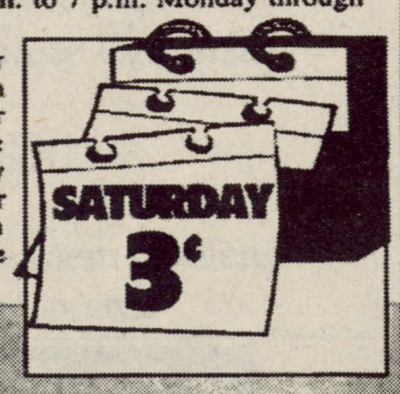
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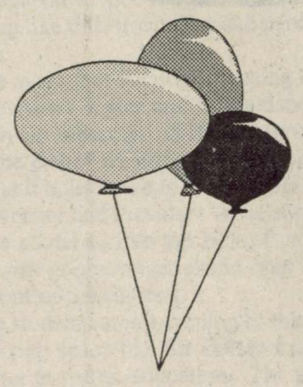
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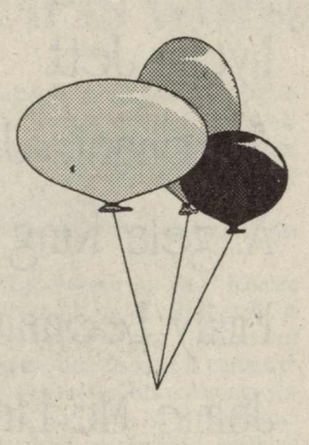
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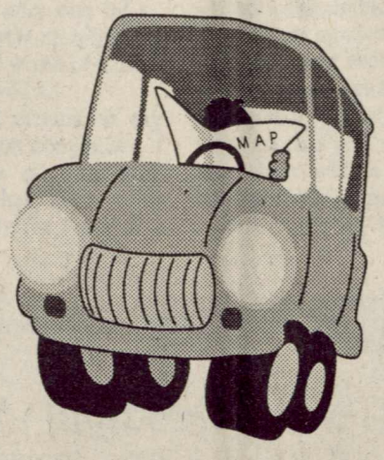
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ANOTHER YEAR OF PARKING WOES

Northwestern State University suffers from a rather bizarre affliction. It seems that on a yearly basis, groups of parking spaces transform themselves mysteriously into bricks. No one is really sure why this continues to occur since parking spaces are already at a premium at this glorified high school.

One thing that we all can be certain of is despite the fact that no one knows the cause, it is something that should be investigated and stopped.

This phenomena is one that would baffle most any scientist, especially those who are involved in the science of parking engineering.

All kidding aside, NSU needs to rethink its entire parking policy. Yes, other schools have parking problems, too. But we don't pay our tuition at those schools, do we?

The parking problem is an issue that has been harped on for years at this school, with the University never doing anything in response except putting up barricades to keep students out of faculty lots, replacing parking spaces with bricks and raising the cost of parking tickets.

One of the more interesting moves that our moronic parking engi

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neers (if we even had any) have come up with is making all freshman and sophomore commuter students park by Turpin Stadium.

Looks good on paper, but why punish underclassmen because they choose to live at home instead of those monstrosities that this school calls dorms? The move, while making many of these students angry, has done little to curb the horrible parking situation on this campus.

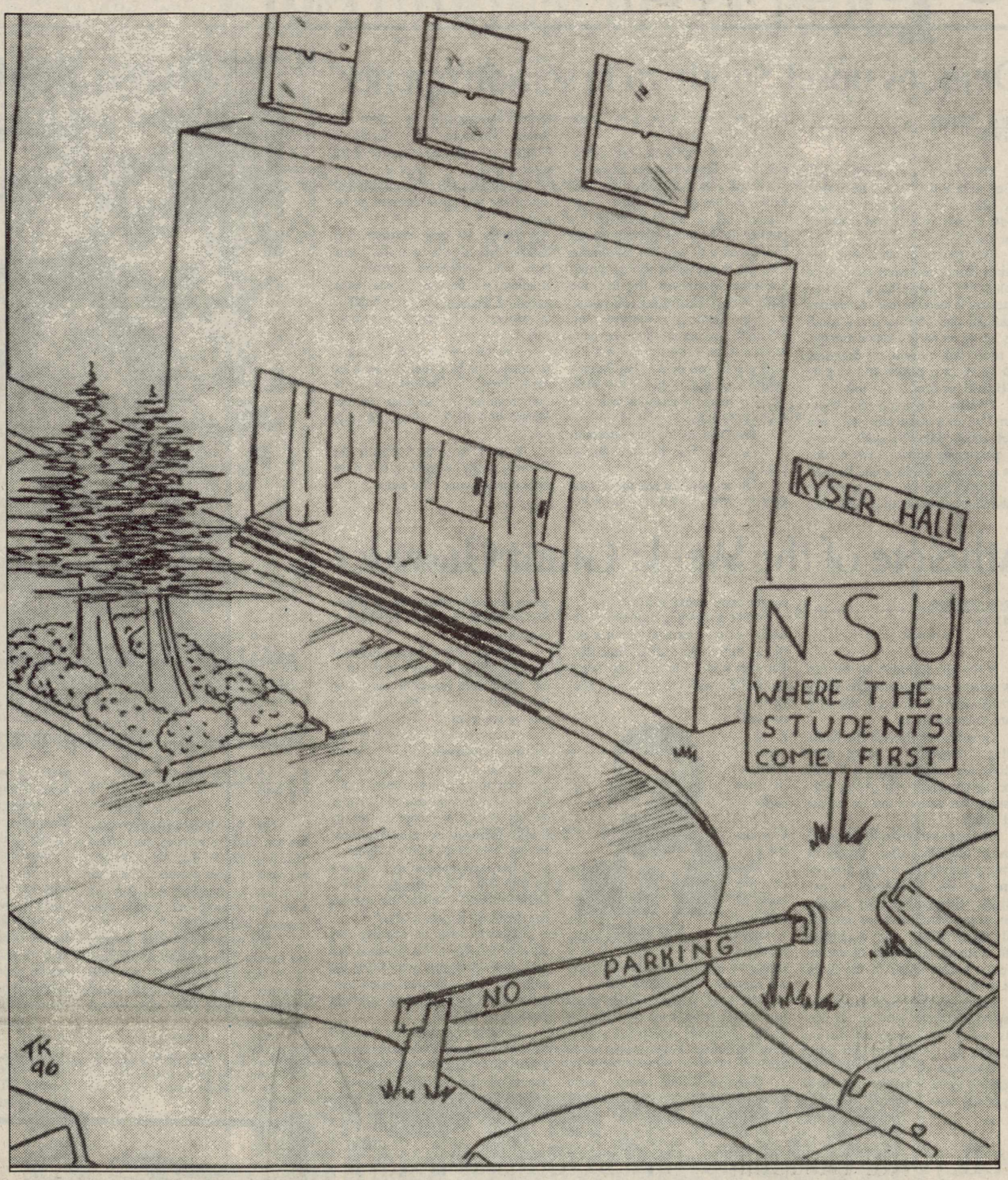
Stadium parking might not be too bad if the University would provide some kind of shuttle service between a more central part of campus and Prather. The University tried a shuttle at one time, and only about two students rode it (according to a higher university official). But who wants to wait for a shuttle that only runs once an hour, as proposed in the schedule that the school had it on?

The University should run a shuttle once more, but on a more convenient schedule, like every 15 minutes. If the University would do something like this, it would make parking down at the coliseum more tolerable.

One move that is currently being discussed is turning the bricked in area between Kyser and Williamson Halls back into a parking lot. Please, by all means go ahead and turn it into parking spaces, it might signify the end of Dr. Alost's parking insanity.

What it boils down to is that NSU needs parking, not more bricks. The University and President Webb should get down to issues that matter to the students, like the lack of parking spaces and quit screwing around with goofy, materialistic crap like beautification and bricking the hell out of the campus.

The students aren't coming to this school to drive around looking for a parking space like Sir Galahad questing for the Holy Grail, they are paying to get an education. The school should keep this in mind the next time that they decide to eliminate more parking spaces and put in more bricks.



College romance...more trouble than it is worth

THE GOSPEL OF JEFF

Jeff Burkett

Is it just me, or when the fall semester begins each year it seems like springtime? You know what I mean.

Students on campus begin to flaunt their clothes, their cars (and don't forget the hellaciously loud"systems"in them), their letters, and anything they can make up, to possibly find a mate.

It's almost like watching The Learning Channel's animal fornication scenes, but over and over and in every bar and classroom in this God forsaken town.

As a veteran of the NSU's dating scene, I have only one bit of advice to all the new members of the wild wonderful world of academecia... STAY SINGLE!

When I look around at my freshman orientation compadres, I see the eager eyes of unknowing minds. Minds that will soon become clouded by the fever of a college romance. Minds that will become sidetracked from the mission set forth by their parents to " go out and make something of yourself". Minds that will soon enough, be experiencing a relationship induced psychosis.

"I have only one bit of advice to all the new members of the wild wonderful world of academia.... STAY SINGLE!"

I know many of you think that you will meet that someone, that special prince charming, or that lady in red, who will sweep you off your feet and you will ride off into the sunset with a degree in one hand and a high paying job in the other and you will live happily ever after.

More than likely, college relationships end up in a heart wrenching split up, an enemy making betrayal, an unwanted pregnancy, or even a short term under-grad marriage. Doesn't sound too appealing does it?

Other situations that never seem to work out is the Freshman dating the Senior.

Who knows why this happens? Maybe it is due to the lacking of a parental figure, and the young lover looks to the elder for guidance and direction. All the time, the older one is having their "last college fling".

The other negative aspects lie in the area of Greek relationships. This is one place for no mortal to venture into. Here the rules are the same, but a whole new twist is added to the evil plot.

When it comes to pledges, you are looked at like meat in the butcher shop's window. Here the dominant parties pair up and mate with only the strongest and most virile of the pack.

It is definitely survival of the fittest.

And heaven forbid if Romeo and Juliet decide to call it quits. A battle between the houses of Montague and Capulet is certain to erupt. A battle of black listing, sisterhood cry fests, and bathroom plotting that would rival anything the Mafia could pull off.

Now don't think that I am advocating total relationship avoidance while you are in college. I'm not. I'm just telling you to enjoy your college experience while you can.

There is no need to become tied down to something or someone when so much is going on around you. Go out, have fun, and get to know the people around you.

There are too many interesting people not only here, but all over the world, for you to meet. The last thing you need to be doing during your four or five years here is wondering where your significant other is, who they are with, what they are doing, or how much Moet they have been drinking!

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Sports

Demons upset Southern in season opener

Angela Hennigan
Staff Writer

The Demons overcame an early deficit to beat the NCAA Division I AA 12th ranked Southern Jaguars, 27-10 in front of a record crowd of over 16,200.

The Demons, who were 0-3 against Southern, were relying on sophomore quarterback Warren Patterson to lead the team to victory. Although one of Patterson's hand-offs led to an early Demon fumble, he redeemed himself by throwing two touchdown passes and helping NSU rush for over 358 yards.

"Warren Patterson did better than I've ever seen him do," said head coach Sam Goodwin during the post-game show. "We needed him to get the job done and he did."

The Demons had two turnovers in the first quarter, both of which led to Jaguar scores, making the score 10-0 in Southern's favor.

Once the opening night jitters passed, the Demons came alive.

Their first score came from tail-back Anthony Williams, who capped off a 65-yard drive by putting the Demons on the score-board with a 10 yard run. Williams, who has replaced the record-setting Clarence Matthews, finished the night with 25 carries for 150 yards.

The Demons continued their offensive success on their next possession when Patterson threw a 77-yard touchdown pass to Pat Palmer. Palmer's reception made the score 14-10, giving the Demons their first lead of the game.

The Demons lost an opportunity to score before the half due to penalties.

The second half belonged to the Demon defense, led by linebacker Grant Crowder with 13 tackles and Robert Daniels, the Southland Conference's defensive player of the week.

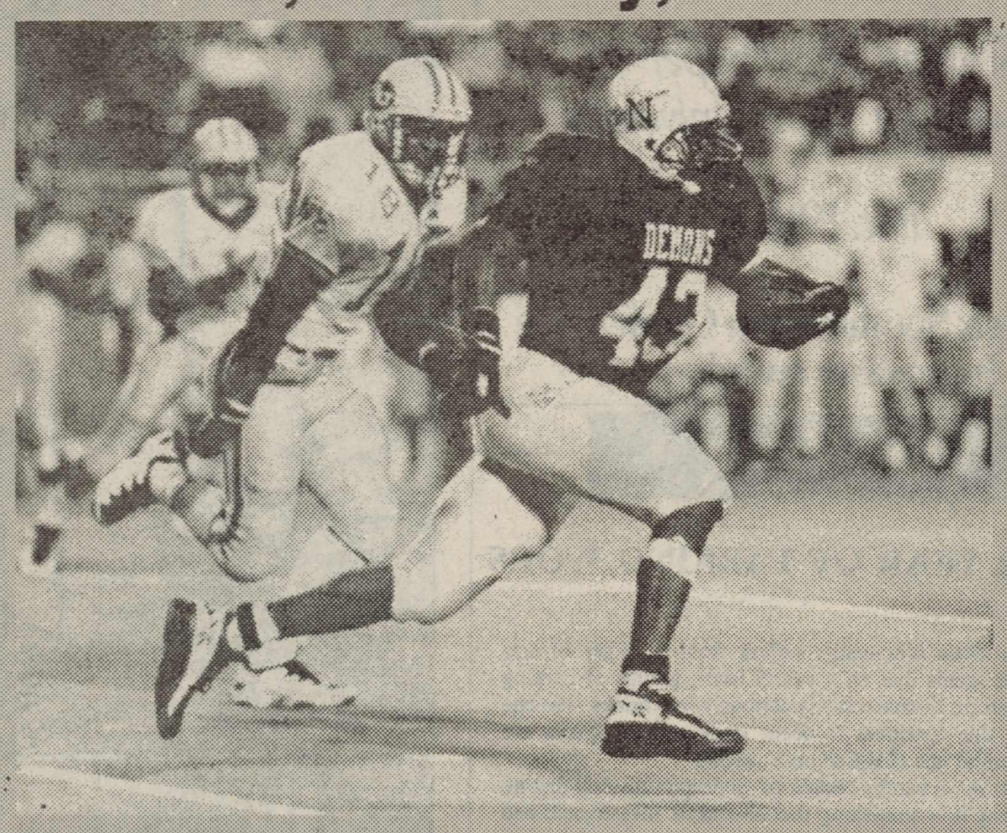
They kept the Southern offense out of the end zone the rest of the night.

"With 10 new starters, our defense had big shoes to fill," said first year defensive coordinator Bradley Dale Peveto. "I was really proud of the way the guys handled themselves and kept their composure."

The third quarter was highlighted once again by Patterson, who led the Demons on an 84- yard drive that resulted in another Palmer touchdown, this one from 25-yards out.

Robert Robertson ended the Demons night by rushing in for the final touchdown of the game.

Run, Anthony, Run!



Tailback Anthony Williams caps off a 65-yard drive with a 10 yard touchdown run.
Photo by Eric Dutile

Athelete of the Week: Grant Crowder

Angela Hennigan
Staff Writer

When the Demons hit the turf this season, senior linebacker Grant Crowder will have already taken his share of hard knocks.

Crowder, the 23 year-old junior college transfer student from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, is finally entering his senior year of play after missing last season due to illness and injury.

Crowder's troubles began in the summer of 1995. After promising spring practices, his weight dropped from 210 lbs. to 178 lbs. in two months. Crowder, sensing trouble, went to the doctor and was immediately hospitalized and diagnosed with diabetes, a disease characterized by excess sugar in the blood and urine.

After spending eight days in the hospital, Crowder went to his parents home to recuperate before rejoining the Demon football team.

Although he missed the '95 season opener, Crowder was both physically and mentally prepared for the team's next practice.

"The only thing different physically is that I have to monitor my blood before and after practice," Crowder said. "I have to have sugar on the field with me so that if I start feeling myself get weak, I can take in some sugar."



Crowder

As Crowder began his first practice back, he suffered a season ending injury by tearing his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his knee.

He tried to continue the practice drills but his knee continued to swell. Crowder underwent reconstructive knee surgery one week later.

Because of the injury, Coach Goodwin and the rest of the staff decided to put Crowder on emergency red-shirt status, which meant that he would have one full year of eligibility left.

Not only was the team aware of the hole left by Crowder in the middle linebacker position, they also felt the loss due to his leadership role on the team.

"Grant is the #1 leader on the team," Goodwin said. "What makes him so good is his ability to motivate the players around him." Goodwin also commended Crowder on his ability to adapt at to the Demon defensive system after transferring from Jones Junior College.

"He may not have been a leader on the first day he got here," Goodwin said, "but by the second day, he never missed a beat."

Crowder will be starting this season, but due to his absence last year, several players who filled the hole last year will once again play the position by alternating with him throughout the game.

Because Crowder has endured many set-backs over the last year, he knows how fortunate he was to be able to take the field last Saturday. " I feel healthy," Crowder said, " and I am ready to play ball."

Womens Soccer Club recruiting players for the fall semester

Elizabeth Crump
Staff Writer

The Northwestern Women's Soccer Club is starting their third year this fall, but they are in desperate need of more players. The team only has 12 members and they are willing to teach any female who wants to learn to play.

"We need more girls because we barely have enough to practice, much less play a game," two year member, Natasha Purcell, said. "Practice is only three days a week and it's fun".

"This club is just for fun," club coach, Ron Foster, said. "We do travel and play other teams, but it's not like the NSU soccer team, we are not a part of the NCAA. This is what distinguishes us from them".

Other schools that the soccer club plays are Louisiana Tech, LSU, Lamar, South West Texas, Louisiana College and Tulane.

Many of the women on the team had no experience with soccer and are now loving the sport. "I did it just to keep in shape and now I love it", team member, Julie Eerceg, said. The Soccer Club is not looking for experienced players, they are merely looking for women who are interested in learning the sport.

"I found soccer a little difficult at first", first year player, Julie Thompson, said, "but the rest of the team worked with me and were very patient". Thompson says she is still learning but she is also having fun.

Not only is the soccer club for NSU students, but Louisiana School students as well. The soccer club has one student from the Louisiana School, Caroline Udall, who said she likes being a part of the soccer club because it gives her an opportunity to hang out with a different crowd. "I also find myself blowing off steam and soccer is definitely a stress reliever".

Practice is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m., behind Watson Library. There is a yearly payment of $40 which covers club dues. The first game will be held at LA Tech, Sunday at 2 p.m. "Any female student interested should show up at practice and be ready to have some fun" Purcell said.

Volleyball team takes third in tournament; two players named to all-tournament squad

Kristen Zulick
Staff Writer

Hard work and dedication paid off Sunday when the Demon volleyball team took third in a two-day tournament at Prather Coliseum. Two of the Demon women made the All-Tournament Team.

Junior, Tiffany Cronin of Colorado and sophomore, Andrea Zegac of Pennsylvania, were selected by the coaches for the All-Tournament Team.

NSU beat Prairie View and twice topped Centenary.

The Demon women were just six points short of shutting out Lamar in three games Saturday, but the Lady Cardinals rallied for a five-game victory. Texas-Pan American beat NSU in four games Sunday morning.

Lamar rose over UTPA with a 3-0 win for the championship.

Going into the tournament, Coach DeJute had no idea of what the results would be.

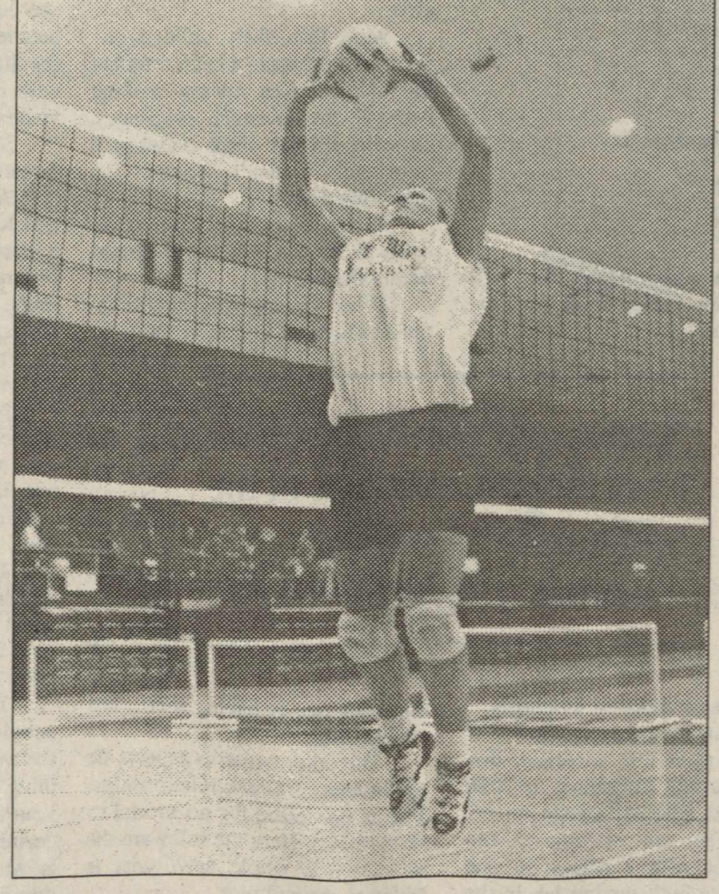
"I want to get the unit out there to work...it's strictly experience for us," DeJute said. Little did she know, her unit would come through third.

Despite the fact that the Demons are young with five returnees and six newcomers, DeJute feels their greatest strength is the chemistry between them.

"They have strong leadership from the upper-classmen and the team unity is great. They get along both on and off the court," DeJute said.

Besides Cronin and Zegac, DeJute expects senior Maggie Ehlers to be a court leader and freshman Gretchen Hecht to be a large contributor to the team.

The Demons won their season opener Monday when Southern University forfeited the match when the Jaguars' head coach did not show up.



Kendra Peters practices before the tournament last weekend.
photo by Eric Dutile

The next home match will be conference play against Nicholls Sept. 17. The Demons will be throwing t-shirts, cups and huggies into the crowd. They will also have contests and prizes will be given.

"Serious sport has nothing to do with fair play. It is bound up with hatred, jealousy, boastfulness, disregard of all rules and sadistic pleasure in witnessing violence. In other words, it is war minus the shooting."
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Body and Soul receives reviewer's praise; Guerilla Rock gets reviewer's criticism

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Lainie Kazan
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Okay, so you're about to lapse into a cardiac arrest. You just can't believe I'd actually review this stuff.

Well, trust me, I kinda had doubts about it too. But now that I've actually listened to Lainie Kazan sing, I can honestly say that I've made the right decision.

Besides, Lainie's vocal abilities are admired by none other than Bette Midler, and the Divine Ms. M is never wrong (much like myself, for those of you who are new to this game.)

Anyway, I guess this music is what Bill Cosby would lovingly refer to as "the smooth jazz sounds" of Ms. Lainie Kazan. Her voice isn't just smooth, it's fluid. It's like relaxing in a gondola in Venice while sipping on a Negora, your fingertips lightly brushing across the cool water as your arm lingers daintily outside the boat. (Yeah, and I've done that before, hence my knowing what it's like. Uh-huh.)

Either way, you get the point.

On Body & Soul, Lainie does her impressive version of Young and Heyman's *When I Fall in Love*. It's kind of sappy obviously, but if you have any affection at all for jazz, then you'll gladly appreciate every smarmy note. Lainie really shows off her talent and range in the title track, *Body & Soul*, and another track called *We Can Only Try*.

As a matter of fact, the only song on the entire disc that really doesn't appeal to me is the one called *Love Medley*. It's an up-beat kind of number that reminds me of the theme from "The Love Boat." When I listened to it, I fully expected to see Gopher come dancing into my room with a pair of halved coconut shells strapped across his bosom (which is not at all the way I want to spend a Saturday night, I'll have you know.

On the insert Lainie wrote, "What a joy to sing again, to share my love of music, to share my heart, my feelings, my very soul."

It may sound like a load of crapola, but if you diversify your musical interests and give Ms. Kazan's most recent musical effort, Body & Soul, a try, then I'm sure you'll come to realize how sincere she is. Lainie sings like she was born atop a piano, microphone in hand.

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If you like guitar-heavy dance music that's completely stupid and about absolutely nothing, then I highly recommend this tape to you. Personally, I think it bites and I intend to record right over it. With anything.

If the absolute crappiness of this tape can possibly be narrowed to one main topic, then that would have to be that the Superd—k's ripped off everybody he possibly could. And the worst thing about it is, he doesn't even do a decent rip-off job at all.

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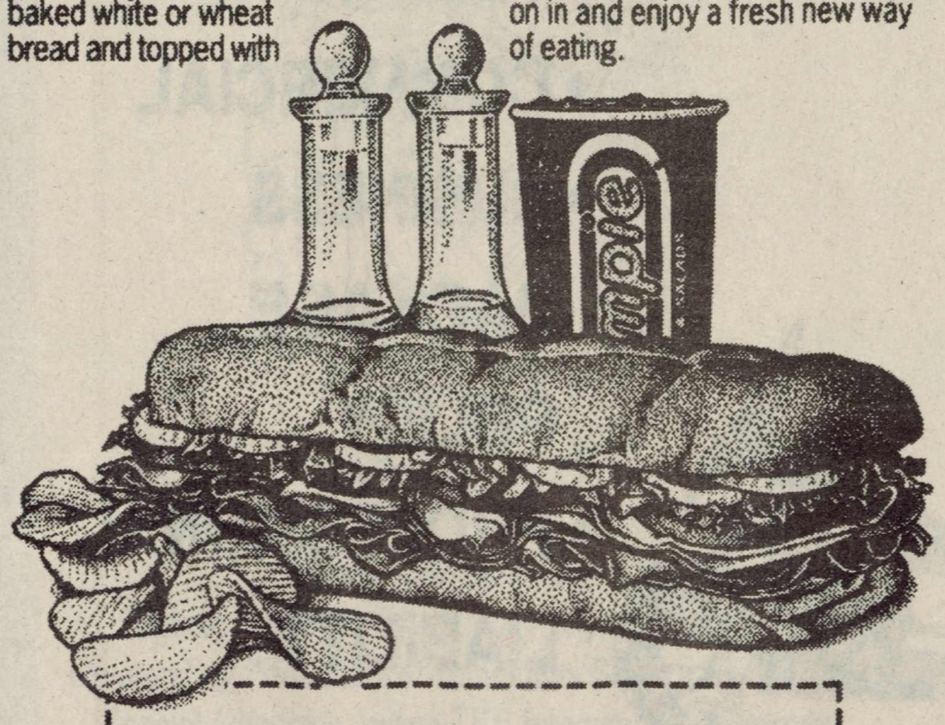
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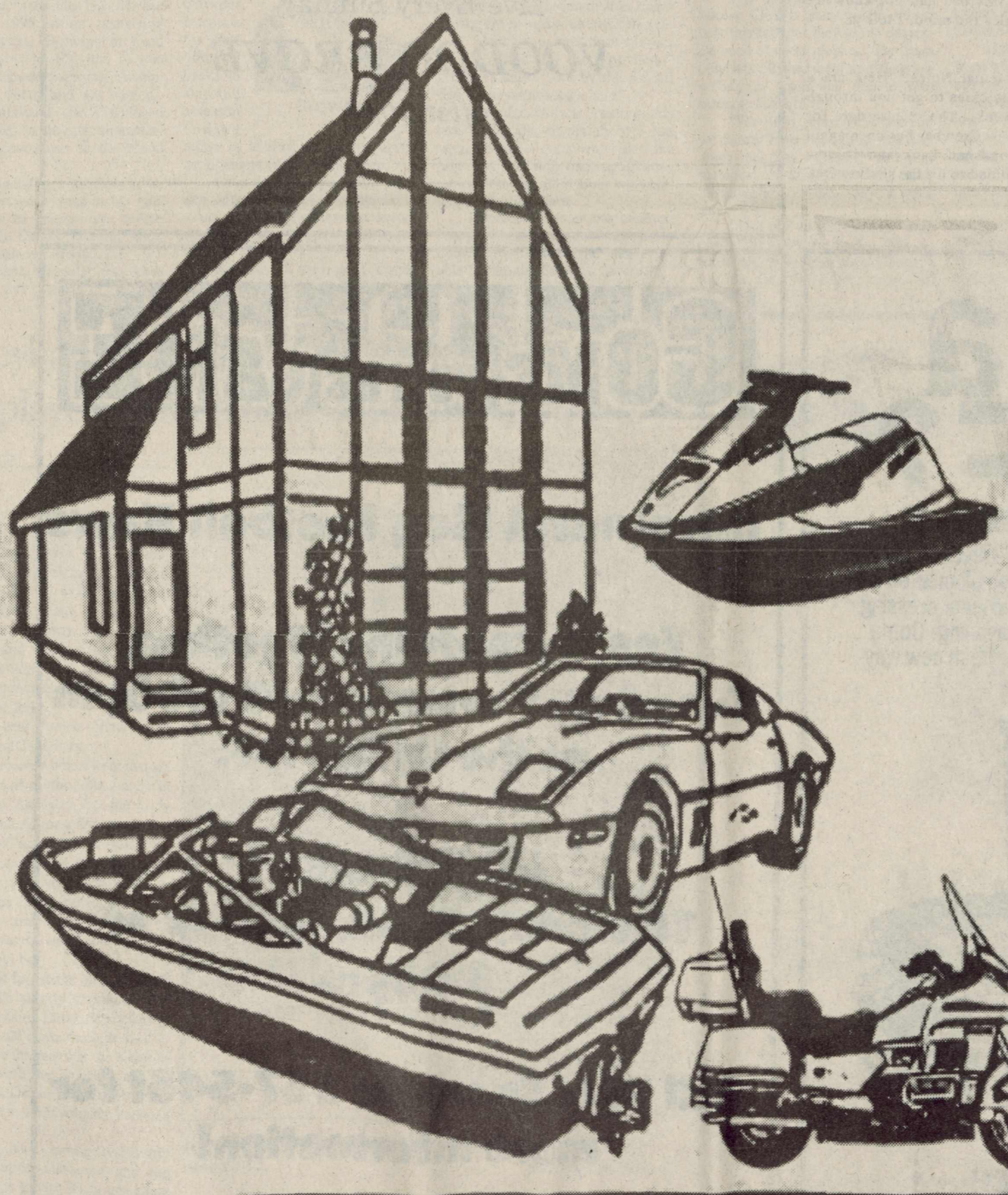
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New on-campus computer facility to help students find jobs, make career choices

Jane Baldwin-Gibby
Staff Reporter

Need a job? The office of career planning and placement may be the answer to that question now that the office has a new computer facility. Students can make resumes, receive help on career choices, and search for jobs over the Internet using the computers available.

The computers were funded through a Title 3 grant from the Department of Education. "Career services was a big part of what we were trying to improve in the grant," Francis Conine, director of career planning and placement, said. "Our major goal was to move on into technology. We had very little technology in career services, so this grant has really helped us out a lot."

One of the major functions of the computers is to help students complete a resume. Students buy a disk program called "Disk Resume" at the school bookstore and complete the program. The disks' resumes are preformatted with Northwestern's degrees.

"You can pop it into any IBM compatible computer and stick all your information into it and come out with this really great resume," Conine said.

Conine also said that the students' resumes will be placed into a career planning and placement computer. The resumes are sorted by major, so when a company requests information about students from the office Conine can fax or send resumes to them.

The rest of the computers in the office serve two major functions, according to Conine. The first purpose is for career development. Each computer contains a program called SIGI Plus (System of Interactive Guidance Incorporated).

"It's a career development program that is incredibly in-depth," she said.

Students who are still undecided on a career choice can complete the program for help. The program asks students about their goals, hobbies, and interests. It then makes a personality profile to help the student pin point a career of their choice.

"It assess your value system, it assesses your interests, and it assesses to some degree your experiences and what you say you can do or can't do," Conine said.

The second function of the computers is placement. Students can access several sites on the world wide web that has job searches. Most of the sites only require students to write down their qualifications and job choice and the site will search for jobs available.

The office also contains a CD-ROM that contains information on 1000s of businesses worldwide. "The student can get information about how many employees they have, where they're located, the name of the president of the company...just detailed information about the company," Conine said.

The computers are already available for student use, but according to Conine there are a few "clichés" to be worked out. She said the lab should be fully operational at the beginning of the fall semester.



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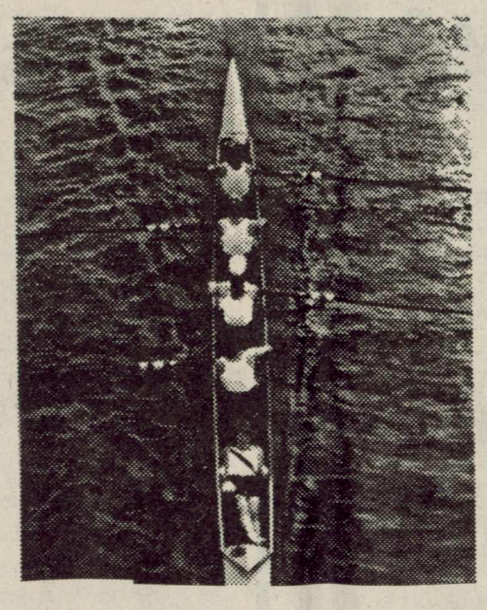
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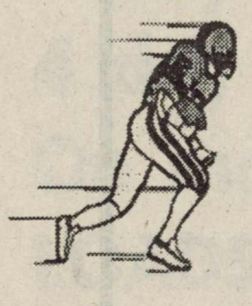
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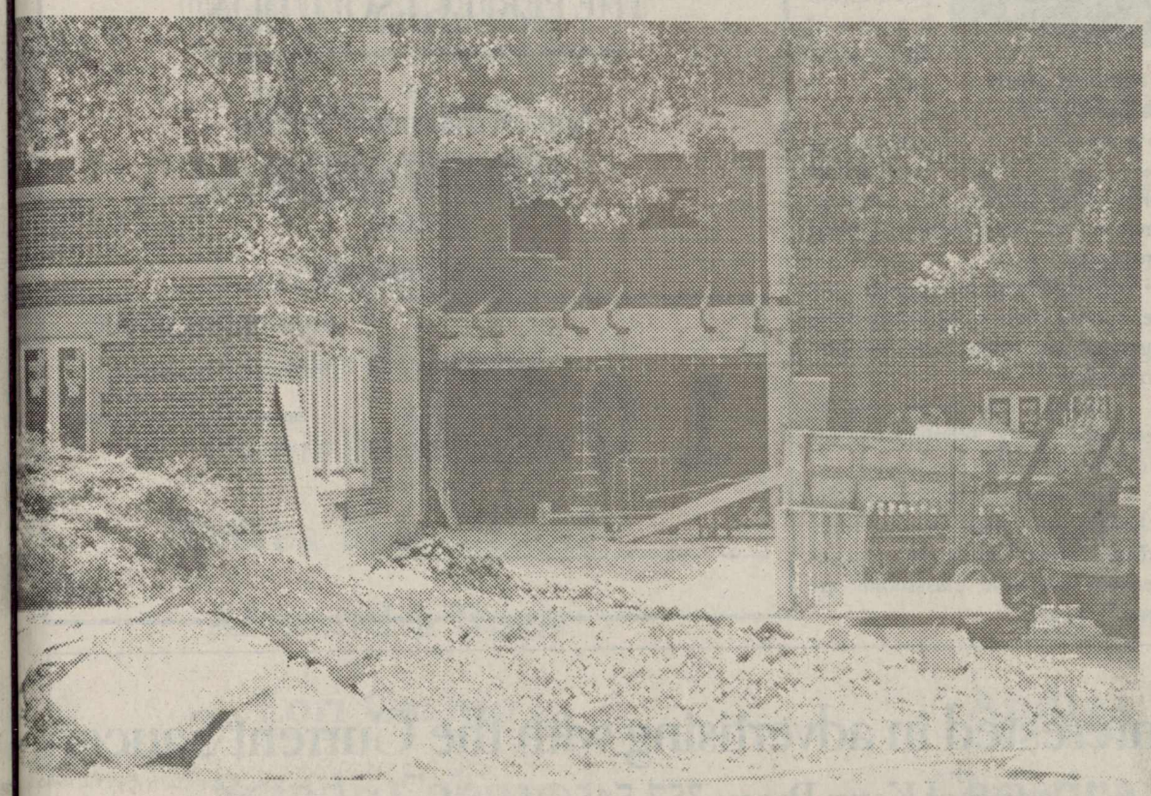
Jody Gowdy named this week's Athlete of the Week following Monday's cross country performance.
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Betsy Cochran takes the helm as the new director of the Louisiana Scholars' College.
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Scholars' College, Business Department prepare to move



Construction continues at Russell Hall while business students plan to move in during the semester break. Photo by Eric Dutile

Tatum Lyles
News Editor

To better accommodate the needs of students majoring in business, the Department of Business will be moved from Morrison Hall to the newly renovated Russell Hall.

According to Dr. Susan White, assistant professor of business, the move will greatly benefit the department.

"We are pleased not to have our classes spread out in four buildings," White said.

Many are asking why the business department instead of Scholars' College is to be moved.

According to research provided by White, statistics show that even with the Department of Business in Russell Hall, it will still average less room per student than the Scholars' College will in Morrison Hall.

The majority of the Scholars' College students disagree with the decision to allow the business department to move to Russell Hall.

"My personal opinion is that the University should have given us the building because it was ours before and was promised to us after renovation," said Scholars' College Sophomore, John Alexander Reves. "It was also used to recruit for Scholars' College and I feel that we were short changed. The University has done us a great injustice."

According to Scholars' College Sophomore, Rick Morgan, "Once the University took away Russell Hall, they took away the Scholars' College's identity."

Other Scholars' comments were along the same lines ,but the business students had a different view.

"I think the new building and facilities will be a huge asset to business majors by allowing us to be updated with the latest equipment," stated sophomore business administration major, Kristy Gray.

"The larger classrooms will also allow more students to take the classes they need for graduation."

Another business major was concerned with the parking situation, "Parking may be a problem and we might have to walk, but I like the idea of a larger building," stated Sidney Baniff, senior.

According to White, the goal is to complete renovation of Russell Hall in November. The department will move during the semester break to avoid complications with students and their classes.

Renovation of Russell Hall

Cost Per Student

Division of Business
$2,500,000/993 = $2,517/major

Scholars' College $2,500,000/213 = $11,737/major

Renovation is an estimate from W. K. Norman and includes renovation and furnishings

Available Building Space Per Student

Division of Business
Morrison Hall - 18,000 sq. ft.
18,000/993 majors - 18.12 sq. ft./majors

Russell Hall - 42,000 sq. ft.
42,000/993 = 42.29 sq. ft./majors

Scholars' College
Morrison Hall- 18,000 sq. ft.
18,000/213 = 84.50 sq. ft./majors

Russell Hall - 42,000 sq. ft.
42,000/213 = 197 sq. ft./majors

Classroom Utilization

Division of Business
Morrison Hall- 5 classrooms
120 sections/ (15 meeting times x 5 classrooms) = 160 percent utilization

Russell Hall- 16 classrooms, 3 computer labs
120 sections/ (11 meeting times x 19 classrooms) = 57 percent utilization

Scholars' College

Morrison Hall - 5 classrooms
25 sections/ (11 meeting times x 5 classrooms) = 45 percent utilization

Russell Hall - 16 classrooms, 3 computer labs
25 sections/ (11 meeting times x 19 classrooms) = 11 percent utilization

Maximum Possible Tuition*

Division of Business
$1,013.50 x 993 = $ 1,006,405 x 2 = $2,012,811

projected 15 percent growth over 5 years- increase of 149 students
$1,013.50 x 1,142 = $1,157,417 x 2 = $2,314,834

Scholars' College
$1,013.50 x 213 = #215,875 x 2 =$431,751

projected 15 percent growth over 5 years - increase of 30 students
$1,013.50 x 243 = $246,280 x 2 = $492,560

* Reflects tuition only - room, board, meals, books are not included

Campus call boxes in working order; rumors of non-functioning boxes proven wrong

Jeremy Ekberg
Staff reporter

An investigation of the emergency call boxes on campus made Thursday, found that, despite rumors, all were in working order.

Each call was answered and the call box location identified within 5 seconds.

The calls, which are monitored by the University Police and not 911, as many originally believed, are monitored 24 hours a day.

The emergency boxes, which cost over $20,000 may or may not be effective in decreasing crime and aiding in emergency situations.

No one knows because a study has never been done.

"I don't think the call boxes will decrease crime anyway, campus Police Chief Rickie Williams said. "They will get the victim help quicker."

Although the boxes have never been studied for their effect on violent crime and emergencies, they are automatically tested daily to make sure they are operational.

According to Williams, each box is computerized to call a testing center in California.

If a box does not call California, the testing center calls the University Police.

This has only happened once, according to Williams, and it was during the summer. Williams also said that someone was sent to fix the broken box that same day.

The call boxes were put up in 1994, after a 1991 SGA bill suggested the boxes. The money for the boxes came from the Student Trust Fund.

According to SGA President Carlton Downey, this trust fund was started in 1984 by a group of students who wanted to give back to the University.

They voted to assess dues of $5 per semester for four years to raise money that would be used to improve students' lives on campus. Now, only the interest from the account is used.

"The interest, that's what we use today, and that's how the call boxes were paid for," Downey said. "So, no current student paid for that."



Terry Allen, the "Gold Guy," entertains motorists on Front Street early last week photo by Eric Dutile

Natchitoches' gold visitor

Jeff Burkett
Staff reporter

"Freak or friend?", was on the minds of local residents this past week as a man, known only by the local media as "The Gold Guy" , arrived in the downtown Natchitoches area.

Appearing out of no where, Lance Cpl. Terry Allen of Converse, treated many Front Street shoppers and passers-by to a week long performance of a mime/mannequin routine.

"The Gold Guy" got his name because of his golden appearance.

He dresses in a Marine cap, a long trench coat, trousers, boots, and gloves, and is covered completely in gold paint.

According to Allen, he and a friend, while stationed in Hawaii with the Marines, got the idea from a local mime known only as "Silverface".

The two then began a routine of their own in Hawaii, making from $45 to $75 per day, "because the Japanese tourists are there, and they spend a lot of money when they go out." said Allen. But the reason for his five day performance in Natchitoches was not for money.

"After leaving Hawaii, we went through a few other countries and then on to Somalia, and he [his partner] came down with Malaria" said Allen, "and then after we got back to the states, he died."

Allen, who is still in the Marines, does his act in his friends memory.

According to an unidentified Natchitoches Policeman, they [the city] had no idea of who he was, or what his intentions were.

Even after questioning the golden intruder, they were not quit sure what to think.

The Mayor of Natchitoches, Joe Sampite, even got involved and went downtown to investigate.

Many local residents found the daily, one act performance, a strange but amusing sight.

"It kind of freaked me out the first time I saw him" said NSU student Buddy Wollfarth, "but after that, I would drive by every day just to see him and honk my horn".

Many people were caught stopping or slowing down just to see the strange visitor.

"The police have no beef with me" said Allen. "I'm just standing on this corner waving at everybody, and some people think I'm making gestures (obscene), but I'm giving thumb's-up, or a-ok's, or if someone says something wrong (vulgar) to me, I'll just look at them like they are crazy."

Student Activities Board makes plans to get students more involved

Andrea Lemoine
Staff reporter

During the first week of classes, NSU students could be found in the Student Union, boxing with enormous gloves or defending themselves in the world of cyberspace. They could also be seen watching the comedy group, Ad-Libs and at the first pep rally of the season.

Nine times out of ten, these events were probably sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

The SAB is just one of many active organizations on campus.

The Board consists of an Executive Board, a group of representatives from each class, and committee chairpersons and members. Their job is to promote campus activities and encourage the student body to get involved.

The SAB sponsors events like Welcome Week, Homecoming, tailgate parties and pep rallies. Concerts, comedians and other novelty acts are also sponsored throughout the year. The SAB also sponsors weekly movies in the Alley, and provides a study lounge in the Union, so there is something for every student.

Misti Chelette, SAB vice president, said the goal for this year's SAB is to "make it unique, to make it stand out, so that more students will take advantage of the opportunities available to them."

According to SAB members, so far, all their activities have been successful. The first "Demons Come Out at Night" pep rally had an estimated attendance of 650 students.

This year's SAB executive Board includes Tait Martin, president; Misti Chelette, vice president; Zeke Wetzel, secretary; Lisa Horst, public relations and advertising agent and David Deggs, parliamentarian.

There are many scheduled events for the fall. Buzz Sutherland, a comedian, will perform on Sept. 17. A magic group called The Spencer, hypnotist Tom DeLuca, and comedian Taylor Mason will all be coming in October.

All students interested in becoming involved with the SAB are encouraged to attend meetings on Monday nights in the Union. Students can voice their opinions on what the board should do to improve student life.

News

Campus Connections

Purple Jackets
The meetings have been changed from Thursdays to Tuesday nights at 9:30. Our next meeting will be tonight on the third floor of the Student Union. Returning members need to pay their dues of $10.

Science Club
The Science Club will have a guest speaker on Friday, Sept. 20, at 3:00 p.m. in Rm.113 Fournet Hall. Mr. Peasley Shorter, a chemist from Willamette Industries, will speak on the opportunities available with a chemistry degree. Officer elections will also be held. Any interested student who is unable to attend should see Dr. White, 115 Fournet, or Dr. Marsh, Rm.221 Fournet, to turn in nominations.

College Republicans
The College Republicans will hold another informational meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 5:30 p.m in Rm.321 Student Union. Weekly meetings will be held in the same room every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.. Everyone is invited to attend.

Sigma Sigma Sigma
Remember Monday is the service meeting at 7:30, Tuesday is the exchange with Kappa Alpha. Be sure to wear your letter shirts on Wednesday and remember your crew meetings at 8:00 p.m.. Don't forget to dress up and wear your pins on Thursday. This week's meeting will be held on Sunday at 7:00. Congratulations Cookie Hargroder. We love you!

Phi Eta Sigma
The fall meeting of the Honor Society of Phi Eta Sigma will be Tuesday, September 24, at 4 p.m. in Rm.149 Kyser Hall. Officers will be elected, and plans for the semester will be discussed. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Whitehead in Rm.103 Kyser Hall or call 357-5213.

International Student Exchange Program
Two informational meetings on studying abroad through the International Student Exchange Program during the 1997-1998 academic year will be conducted Wednesday, September 25, at 4 pm and Thursday, September 26, at 5 pm in Room 149 Kyser Hall. Tom Whitehead, ISEP Coordinator, will explain the application process and introduce students who have participated in the program. If additional information is needed, contact Tom Whitehead, ISEP Coordinator, at

Fulbright Student Grant competition to close
The 1997-98 competition for United States Information Agency Fulbright and related grants for graduate study or research abroad in academic fields will close October 23, 1996. Only a few more weeks remain to apply for one of the approximately 800 awards which are available to over 100 countries. Applications and further information for students is available from Tom Whitehead in Rm.103 Kyser Hall.

Cochran named new LSC director

Steve Evans
Staff reporter

Betsy Cochran, now in charge of the Scholars' College, is ready to harness the reigns as department head.

On Aug. 19 Cochran assumed responsibility of the Scholars' College program as a result of Dr. Ray Wallace's resignation.

Cochran was asked by NSU President Dr. Randall Webb, to apply for the job when its availability became known.

"I took this job because I am really committed to the college," Cochran said.

For the past three and a half weeks Cochran has been busy with the day-to-day activities.

She admits that it is hard work, but several Scholars' College students have faith in their new department head,

The students seem to approve of the change and feel that the new director will do a good job.

"I think Dr. Cochran is going to be a wonderful director," said Scholars' College senior, Amy Jones. "She has got the dedication and the vision to really make a positive difference."

"Dr. Cochran has made a very profound effect on the Scholars' College in terms of curriculum," Scholars' College sophomore, Rick Morgan said.

"I think she will do quite well as our director and hope she will remain in the position on a permanent basis," Morgan said.



Dr. Cochran busily making plans for the future of the Scholars' College photo by Steve Evans

According to Cochran there are about 225 students involved in the Scholars' College program.

Even though it is a good number and the students needs are being met, she would like to see the program grow.

Cochran also hopes that by next semester the Scholars' College will have their own classrooms.

This semester they have had to schedule their class meeting times around other University courses because available classrooms are few.

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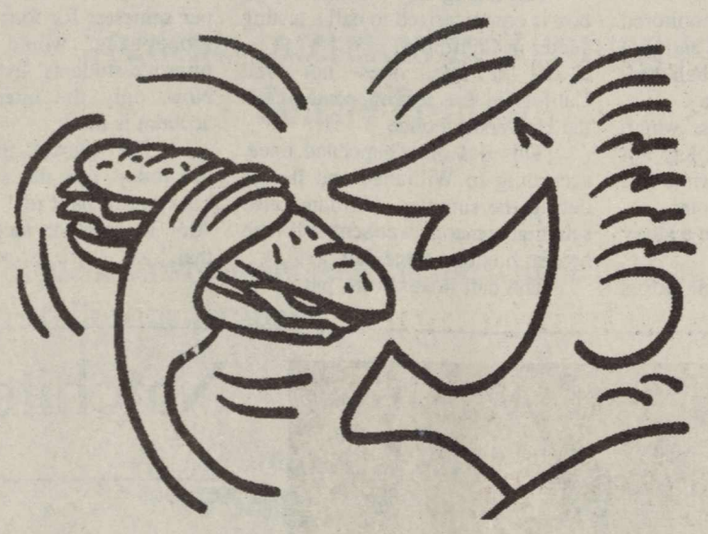
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Features

FRESHMEN



Freshman Courtney Cloy gets some sleep in his room at Rapides Hall. **Sometimes, being away from home means never having to clean your room.** Photo by Steve Evans

Jeffrey Monteguet
Staff reporter

For every action there is an equal and opposite freshman reaction.

What is it about Northwestern that brings freshmen here? Why do they chose NSU over other colleges like LSU, the University of New Orleans, Florida State University and NLU?

Is it the band? Is it the scholarships? Or is it the band scholarships?

According to several first-semester freshmen, Northwestern was No. 1 because of its campus, scholarships and programs of study. NSU is also known for its "at-home" environment.

But once they get here, Northwestern freshmen face the same problems faced by freshmen all over the world.

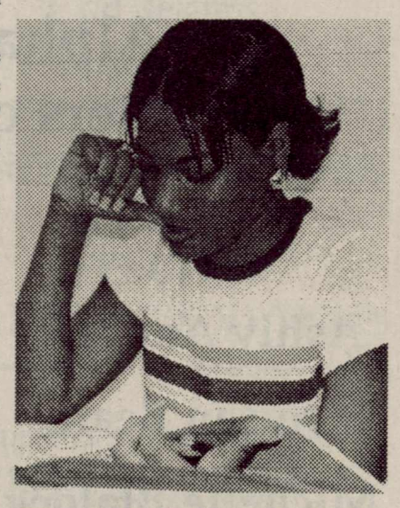
One of the biggest worries freshmen faced when moving to college was being treated like freshmen. But the *esprit de corps* of the upperclassmen has made them feel welcome.

Since they began classes only weeks ago, many freshmen haven't formed an opinion of their professors and schedules yet, but one freshman who wishes to remain anonymous, said the professors should realize that the student's time is valuable.

"Some teachers think that their class is the only one I'm taking and they pile work on me," he said.

Still, others have found a positive side to college classes-occasionally, they get canceled at the last minute.

Dorm life, cafeteria food and parking problems are also at the top of the freshmen complaint list.



Charrisse Gainey studies while waiting on her class to begin. Photo by Steve Evans

"Our air is screwed up," Stephanie Poola, first-semester freshman, said.

She isn't the only one with problems.

Many of the freshmen interviewed listed noise, roommate, lack of space and community bathrooms as their pet peeves.

One unanimous complaint is about the "shot glasses" in Iberville. Freshmen ask why the glasses have to be "kiddy" sized.

But at least one freshman was pleased with the freshman cafeteria.

"Iberville is really good and I love all the choices they offer," freshman Jennifer Lord said.

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Our View

NATCHITOCHES: SMALL TOWN OR BIG CITY ?

Natchitoches. To some students, with hometowns like New Orleans or Dallas, coming to NSU is like moving into the backwoods. But for others who grew up in Jena, Haughton, Oil City or Shongaloo, Natchitoches seems like a metropolis.

And the scary thing is, all of them are right.

Natchitoches is one of those places that falls right in the middle. It has small town values, but somehow, big town problems have a tendency to creep in there too.

NSU students and Natchitoches residents can't get MTV on cable, but students driving down the strip can stop in at the Crisis Pregnancy Center and sometimes, the campus infirmary offers free HIV testing for students.

And as a whole, parents can feel safe when they let their children walk down t he street alone to play at the neighbor's house, but NSU students are cautioned against walking alone after dark and emergency call boxes can be found all over campus.

And like a big city, Natchitoches also attracts some of the most curious characters.

Only last week, the "Gold Man" camped out on Front Street, entertaining passerbys and giving us all something to talk about. In fact, he was the "big news" in several area papers, including this one.

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It is a ghost town during the summer when all the college students go home, yet is swamped during the Christmas Festival and then it takes ages and ages just to go a few blocks.

Natchitoches has a love-hate relationship with its college students. College students love to visit the super Wal-Mart at 2 a.m. and like to shop the "brick street" when looking for the perfect gift.

So shop owners love the money we spend here and the cheap labor we supply but everyone hates the added traffic while waiting to cross the River.

So, Natchitoches is an enigma. We can all find characteristics that support the arguments for Natchitoches- the big city and Natchitoches- the small town. It all depends on where your point of reference lies.

One thing is certain, whether you are from Trout, Clarence, Pollock, Slaughter, Wisner, or whether you're from Shreveport, Baton Rouge or Houston you've found something special here that appealed to you and made you stay.

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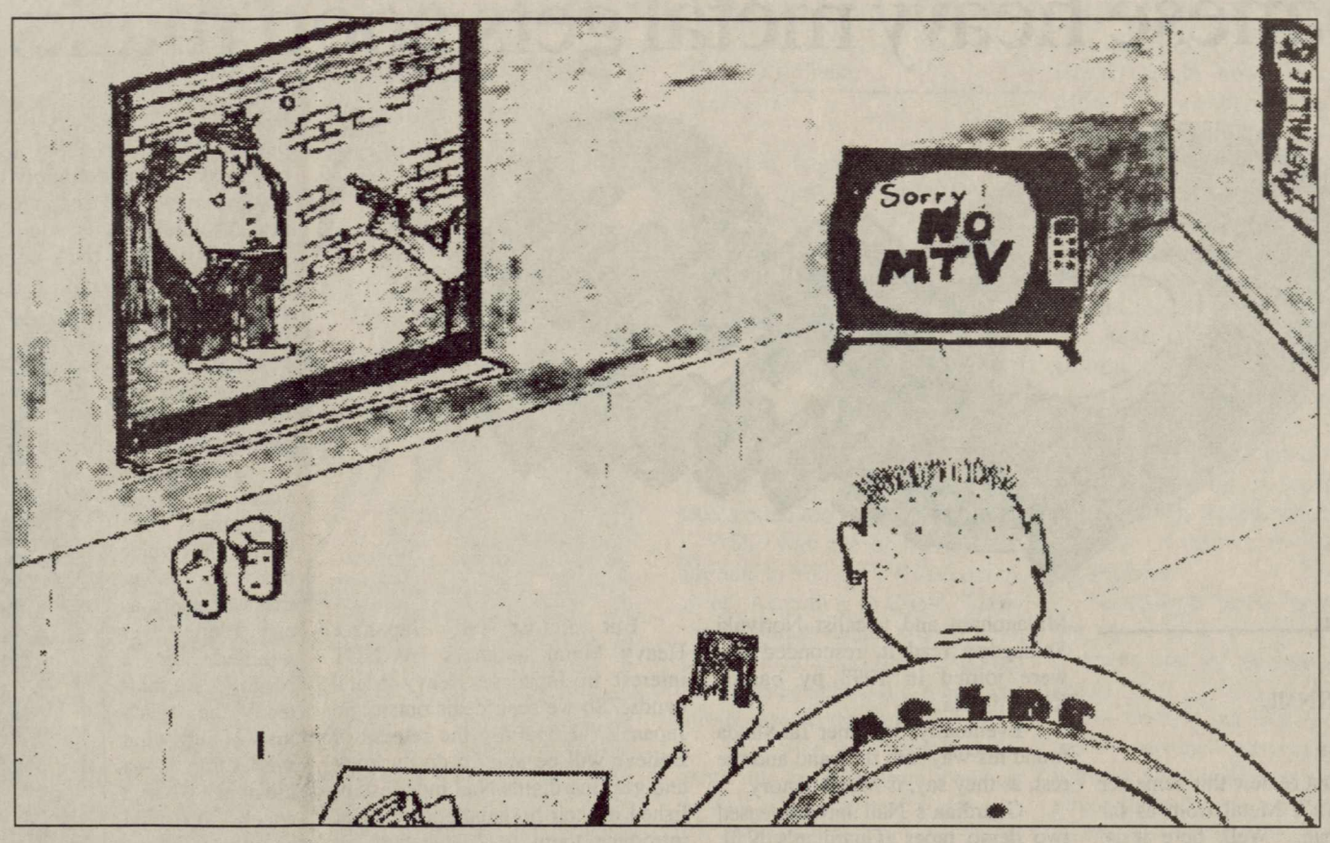
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Decline in voter turnout needs to be turned around

GUEST COLUMNIST

Curt Bennett

The decline in the American voter turnout has many officials worried that people are losing interest in political activities.

The definition of the voting age population is; "U. S. citizens 18 years and over includes persons who are ineligible to vote , such as noncitizens, convicted felons, and prison inmates, but excludes Americans living overseas who can vote," according to the Bureau of the Census Statistical Brief issued Nov. 1990.

Nationwide there are approximately "196.5 million," people who meet the voter age population.

Of that 196.5 million, women constitute the majority with 52 percent, whites constitute 84 percent, blacks approximately 12 percent and other nationalities about 4 percent.

The elderly (persons 65 and over) constitute about 17 percent. This voting group plays a major role in political turnouts because they vote in higher rates. In fact, 70 percent of persons 65 and over voted in the last Presidential election.

In Louisiana it is estimated that there are 3.1 million people of voting age. Of these, 1.4 million are male, 1.5 million are female, 2.1 million are white, and 902,000 are black. The elderly constitute about 499,000.

The long term decline in the American voter turnout rate was studied from the Congressional elections of November, 1966 through the Congressional elections of November, 1990.

Also studied was the Presidential election of November, 1966 thru the Presidential election in November, 1988.

The studied revealed about a 10 percent decline of voter turnouts in the Congressional elections and about 12 percent decline in the Presidential elections among those who reported voting.

After the studied was concluded, the Bureau of Census and data collected from supplements to the Current Population Survey (CPS), determined that several factors play a major role in our likelihood of voting.

The first is, the likelihood of us voting increases with our age.

It was found that 60 percent of persons 65 and over and 56 percent of those age 45 to 64 reported voting in 1990.

On the other hand, only 41 percent of those age 25 to 44 years and 20 percent of 18 to 24 year-olds reported voting.

Secondly, the chances of voting increases with education.

In fact, approximately 63 percent of persons with a college degree voted in 1990, compared to 42 percent with a high school diploma and 28 percent with 0 to 8 years of school.

It was also found that our chances of voting increased the higher our income becomes.

The estimates are 31 percent for those whose income/earnings are 10,000 dollars per year to 59 percent for those who earned 50,000 dollars or more.

Another interesting fact is that workers employed in the public sector voted more that other occupational fields.

It was found that "Among those in nonagricultural industries, government workers were far more likely to go to the polls than wage and salary workers in the private sector: 63 versus 41 percent.

So, after reviewing and pondering these facts I have concluded that we as Americans need to wake up and regain interest in political activities.

We need to realize that our vote does count and that our political leaders mistakes now will live on long after they are dead and gone.

In order to be part of the American way, contact your local Registrar of Voters at : 200 Church St. Natchitoches, La. 71457.

Sex on campus alive and well according to columnist

THE GOSPEL OF JEFF

Jeff Burkett

The horizontal mambo, the mommy and daddy dance of love, the naked watusi, doing the nasty, the ugly bump, the naked pretzel. Just a few of the terms used to describe the one thing that all humans just seem to love to do, have sex.

Now before we delve into the wonderful world of fornication, we must remember that not everyone has sex. Some people still insist on "making love", or some just don't have it at all. But according to unofficial reports, sex is alive and well in the dorm's of NSU.

You see, when school starts, there is an ample supply of willing and able bodies ready for a little experimentation. Now whether that experimentation is hetero or homo, we will not discuss. But, you can always count on the fall semester being one of the most "active" on campus.

People are doing it, there is no doubt about it. Just go by any dorm on a weeknight or weekend and you can hear the sound of heavy panting emanating from under the bedroom door. Sounds that may entertain the fellow residents of the hall, or sounds that even a cockroach would run from.

But why do you think people are being so active on campus lately? Most people believe that being away from home gives you total freedom. No hassle of parental control, no rules to obey, no one to answer to but yourself, and the most important, not having mom or dad walk in on your intimate encounter. According to Sophomore Casey Shannon, "People sometimes are doing it to keep from being bored". If that is the only reason, then count me in, because this town is putting me to sleep!

Something you must also remember before "diving in", Natchitoches Parish, the one we are in right now, has quite a few world famous diseases floating around. Neat stuff like, Syphilis, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia. And don't forget the ever popular Herpes and even HIV, sound like fun? I guess that is why the school's infirmary gives out condoms by the handful.

Now that we are all aware of the sexual activity on campus, I'm sure there will be a few eager beavers who will be ready to go out and jump in the sack ASAP. But beware, a partner who is good in bed can soon become wacky in the head. Yes, the dreaded psycho lover can pounce on you when you are least expecting it. And heaven help you if your "one night stand" turns into a relationship, you know, the one that involves a blood test and a court appearance. Not a good way to start your day!

So now that you have been informed of some of the pitfalls and gifts of love around the bountiful Northwestern campus, go out and enjoy.

Student disagrees with columnist's pessimistic views

Above Andrew Martin's 9-3-96 column is a huge help wanted poster. Mr. Martin proceeds to graphically demonstrate why help is desperately needed at Current Sauce.

Mr. Martin is a perfect example of the "half empty - half full" syndrome run amuck on the half empty side. What all new and returning students really needed in the first week of school is a highly depressing, pessimistic critique of what to expect at NSU.

How many public colleges in the entire nation can you name which have plenty (or even adequate) parking? Institutional food tends to be — well, institutional. Not like mom cooks at home, but nutritious and well planned for healthy substance and probably just as good as Harvard, UCLA or MIT. Prices are higher at the student union, but no higher than the local pizza parlor.

Of course, Mr. Martin was trying for as many "attaboys" as he could possibly wreak from one article, so I'm surprised that he didn't mention the other matters of vital importance such as the fact that none of the clocks work in Kyser (after all these years, why not fix 'em or remove 'em?). To mention some of the more mundane issues, I have never seen so many great teachers on one campus, and I have at least four or five beautiful ladies in every class (this old nontraditional student believes that NSU ranks very high in per-capita beautiful ladies), so what more objective data do you need to be a little optimistic?

The "Gestapo" and the $25 tickets are to protect the hundreds of law abiding students from the few arrogant SOBs who think the rules are for somebody else.

Lighten up, Andrew, quit-ur-bellyaching' and get a life. How 'bout them Demons against Southern? Even Andrew should be able to smile at that!

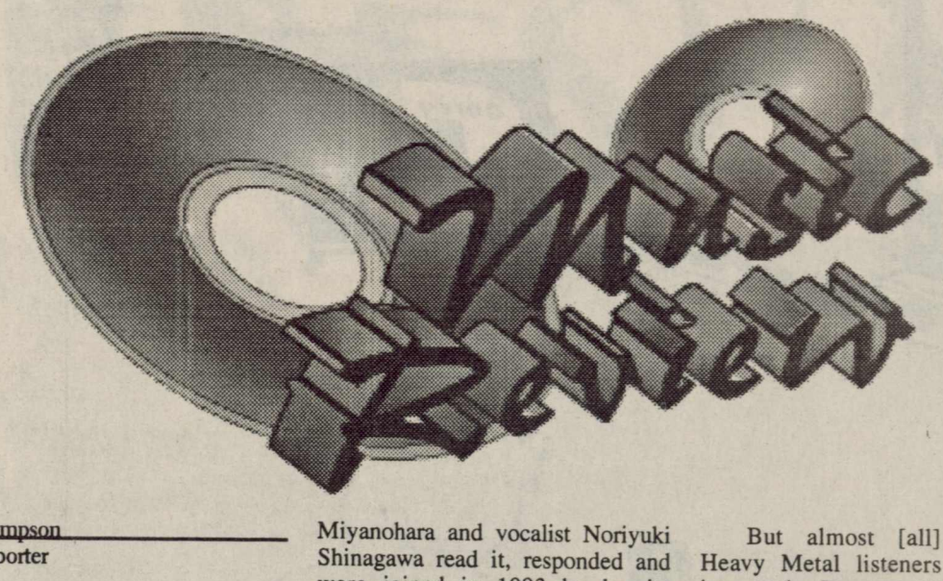
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A&E

Japanese heavy metal gets good marks from Sauce reviewer



lesa thompson
Staff reporter

GUARDIAN'S NAIL
Tokyo, Japan

In my first review this semester I promised ya'll Metal from as far away as Japan. Well, here it is. Straight out of Tokyo, it's Guardian's Nail.

Now, chances are you've never even heard of Guardian's Nail. So allow me to be the first to introduce you to a band that plays power Metal from way back. (Some of their influences include Queensryche, Riot, Rainbow and Judas Priest.)

Guardian's Nail got their start in 1991 when guitarist Yasumoto Ohtani placed a band ad in a music magazine. Guitarist Tohru Miyanohara and vocalist Noriyuki Shinagawa read it, responded and were joined in 1993 by bassist Kiyoshi Seki.

Eventually, drummer Tai Shoda found his way into the band and the rest, as they say, is Metal history.

Guardian's Nail have released two demo tapes (Guardian's Nail, Second Wind) and finally have a mini-album available as well, a five-track entitled Believe, which the guys hope will be the one to put them on top of the Japanese Metal market.

However, that probably won't be an easy task for Guardian's Nail to accomplish.

Seki described the band's dilemma to me and I'm relaying it to you pretty much the same as I got it: "Foreign Heavy Metal music is very loved in Japan.

But almost [all] Japanese Heavy Metal listeners are NOT interest in Japanese Heavy Metal bands. So we seek deals outside in Japan...." Hopefully the release of Believe will be able to do the trick and get Guardian's Nail more established in their homeland, as well as introduce them to Metal fans all over the world.

At any rate, Guardian's Nail can count me in as one member of their international fan base.

Believe starts off with a tune called *Passion Red* that kicks major booty all the way from Jump Street. It's fast, fast, fast and has more melody than you can shake your, um, stick at. This is hard-hitting molten-mega-Metal that will knock your eyeballs right out of their sockets!

I swear, you'll have to hear it to believe it. These guys have been playing Metal for about 14 years each and you can definitely hear all that experience in Passion Red. The title absolutely fits the sound.

Next up is a track called *The Past Love*. It starts off with some laid-back keyboard work but then kicks in with some serious power-guitar.

Shinagawa's vocal range on this tune is awesome. His voice has raw power that's as sharp as any blade ever wielded by a Ninja. As a matter of fact, that's just about what this song is—a musical Ninja attack. You'll be utterly blown away by it.

Crossing Over the Valley is a more mellow tune but don't be fooled—by mellow, I don't at all mean "weak." There's still some killer guitar work in this song, and I'm once again impressed with just how much vocal ability I hear in Shinagawa's voice.

There's no denying it—this guy keeps true to the style of power vocals, but without trying to sound like he gargles with carbolic acid every day of his life.

He doesn't have to jam his voice way down in the mix and hope nobody notices it. Shinagawa can actually sing. And sing his ass off too, I might add!



Guardian's Nail, from l to r: T. Miyanohara, Y. Ohtani, T. Shoda, N. Shinagawa, K. Seki

Riding on the Wind has some good changes in the music and I particularly like the percussion on this song. Shoda proves that a drummer can offer a whole lot more to a song than just a beat. His style really compliments what's going on musically. Like I mentioned earlier, you'll be able to tell that these guys have been doing this for a long, long time. Nobody gets this good without years of practice.

Keep Believing is a mellow tune, and Shinagawa uses this as an opportunity to show us that he can hit the low notes, too.

His vocals are complimented by Ohtani's keyboard work and it adds a whole new dimension to the song. *Keep Believing* may be laid-back, but it'll still reach in and pull something out of your chest. I don't ordinarily dig slow stuff, but in this case, I've made an exception.

Now, if you'd like to find out more about Guardian's Nail, and I strongly suggest you do, then you can visit the band's website http://www.kt.rim.or.jp/~kyo/guardian.html.

It'll give you some more background info on the band and let you know how you can order their music. Trust me, if you like straight Metal, then Guardian's Nail is the band for you.

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Sports

Women's cross country team wins invitational, men take third

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

Northwestern Women's Cross Country team came in first place Monday at the invitational meet beating Texas-Arlington for the first time ever, while the men came in 3rd under Sam Houston.

"This was a very positive time of year," women's coach, Bridget Cobb, said."We had a great start and I am very pleased".

In cross-country as opposed to any other sport, lower scores are better and place teams higher. NSU scored 38 against Texas-Arlington at 39. Stephen F. Austin came in 3rd at 52 and Sam Houston 4th at 95.

In cross-country, the first five runners are counted for scoring according to their running time. Jody Gowdy ran the 3 mile run, coming in 1st for NSU, at 19 minutes 59.55 seconds. The other 4 placed runners were Christal Traylor, 20:32.91; Robin Meyers, 20:56.01; Molly McGill, 21:04.48; and last, bringing NSU in 1st place by 3 seconds, Julie Lessiter, 21:21.80.

"This was a team effort and all 7 battled, but we must continue to train and keep healthy," Cobb added. "We have to remind ourselves that this was the first meet and we have to keep building toward November 4th, which is the Conference Championship."

The Freshman women had a good showing in Monday's meet, running for the first time 3.1 miles. According to Cobb, this was the best meet the women have ever had.

Northwestern women will have another meet Saturday at Louisiana Tech at 8:30 a.m. and the men will run at 9:00.

Though the women ran an awesome race, NSU's Men's team came in 3rd Monday. UTA came in 1st at 32, Sam Houston in at 47 and Northwestern at 83.

According to head coach Leon Johnson, the team was pleased with their effort. "Some didn't perform as well as they should and a few injuries held us back, but I see some prospects in our freshmen," Johnson said.

Northwestern's first placing runner was Robert McCormick timing in at 27:06.50 and following was Robert Bonner coming in at 28:05.14.

This was the men's first time to run farther than 3 miles and Johnson said they handled the 5 mile run well.

"I was please with both the men and women today and especially pleased that this was his women's first time to beat UTA in any track and field event," Johnson concluded.

Athlete of the Week: cross country runner Jody Gowdy



Athlete of the week Jody Gowdy runs in a high school cross country competition. Gowdy was one of NSU's top performers at Monday's meet.

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

This weeks athlete of the week is freshman Jody Gowdy, who finished first for NSU Women's Cross Country team resulting in a win over UTA for the first time ever in any track and field event.

"Jody is a great role model," women's cross country coach, Bridget Cobb said. "She is dedicated and has so many good points. The only problem she has is that she is often too hard on herself."

She was one of the top performers in Monday's cross country meet. According to Cobb, Gowdy the freshman runner who is from Colleyville, Texas has displayed strong leadership skills, which is a strong asset to the team.

"I notice her determination motivates the other team members as well as the coaches," Cobb said.

Although many were very pleased with Gowdy's performance in Mondays meet, Gowdy felt she did descent and hoped to do better. "I like to run on my own because I can push myself to do better each time.

"I began running cross-country in high school, but as a freshman I would get up at 4:30 in the morning and run with my dad. " Gowdy laughs now because her dad won't run with her. "He claims that I leave him in the dust."

Team work means a lot to Gowdy. It takes a team to get anywhere and that is what Gowdy loves. "I think as a team we work well together and I really admire coach Cobb."

As far as goals are concerned, Gowdy has her priorities straight and her goals set, both long-term and short-term.

"My short-term goals include being in the top 10 conference meet," Gowdy added, which looks promising if she runs as well as she did Monday.

Long-term goals for Gowdy are to be in the NCAA Championship by the time she is a senior.

A positive out look is important to keep one motivated and that is the attitude Gowdy has. "I would rather shoot for the stars and land on the roof top than shoot for the roof top and land in the gutter," Gowdy concluded.

Being a role model as Cobb referred to Gowdy, is a great compliment paid to a freshman.

Gowdy will run again Saturday at Louisiana Tech with the NSU women's team and she hopes to do even better that this weeks run.

IM sports kick off season with swim meet; ski trip planned

Holly Dupuis
Contributing writer

NSU's Rec. Sports Department offers exciting and fun opportunities for students, and the semester has already begun with competition in Intramural swimming.

On Wednesday, September 11, the Rec. Sports Department held its annual swim meet at the NSU Rec. Complex. Heats were held in seven categories including: 100m medley relay, 25m freestyle, 25m backstroke, 25m breaststroke, 25m butterfly, 50m freestyle, 200m freestyle relay. Division results are:

Women's	Total	League Points
1) Phi Mu	58	45
2) Tri Sigma	54	40

Men's	Total	League Points
1) GDI	62	45
2) Kappa Sigma	56.5	40
3) Theta Chi	23	35
4) C.S.O	10	30
5) TKE	3	25

Many other opportunities exist for students including a ski trip. NSU Rec. Sports is sponsoring a ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado from January 5-10, 1997 for students, faculty, and friends.

The trip will cost $612.00, with a deposit of $120.00 due by October 10. This fee includes round trip air fare from Dallas to Hayden, CO (students will have to provide their own transportation to Dallas), 5 nights, 4 days of ski lifts tickets, a 4 day ski rental package, and mountain picnics and parties.

Options in this package include: snowboard rental, snowmobiling, ski lessons, and ski races. Space is very limited, so be sure to register as soon as possible. For more information about the ski trip, call Scott at the IM building at 357-5461.

The Rec. Sports Department also offers opportunities for students to exercise and to work out. Along with an excellent fitness center, students may also enjoy free aerobics classes offered at the Intramural building at 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

The IM building will be open from 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday, and 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Students with any questions about up-coming events or opportunities offered through Rec. Sports, should call 357-5461.

Lady Demon volleyball falls to 4-5 record

Angela Hennigan
Staff reporter

Northwestern's Lady Demon volleyball team lost three straight matches this weekend at the Mississippi State Volleyball Invitational, bringing their overall record to 4-5.

The Lady Demons, led by first year head coach Mary DeJute, opened their tournament play against Mississippi State Friday afternoon. The Lady Demons struggled, which allowed their opponent to hold them 15-4, 15-2, 15-7 in the match.

The Lady Demons tested their stamina by playing again on Friday night, taking on the ladies of Southeastern Louisiana. The Lady Demons were led by freshman Gretchen Hecht with 15 kills and by junior Tiffany Cronin's 14 kills. The Lady Demons attack percentage of .167 to SLU's .382 led to their defeat by a margin of 15-8, 15-5, and 15-7.

In the Lady Demons final match of the tournament, they faced off with Troy State. Once again Cronin led the team with 11 kills and 13 digs, but it was not enough to put away Troy, who won 15-10, 16-14, 15-2. Lady Demon Andrea Zegac had 31 assists in the failed effort.

"We are a young team and are still experimenting and trying to decide which players best fit certain positions on the court," DeJute explained. "We went up against some tough competition and played very well, but inexperience got to us." DeJute also stated that she has adjusted well to the team because they have good chemistry among themselves.

The Lady Demons begin conference play tonight at 7 p.m. against Nicholls State University. The coaching staff has implemented new promotional activities in order to get the crowd in the stands. There will be contests in which the winners will win pizza, and t- shirts and huggies will be thrown into the crowd. "Since there is no charge for the public as well as NSU students, you can't beat that admission price," Sports Information Director Doug Ireland said. "Anybody who has watched a volleyball match gets caught up in the action, which is why it has become the fastest growing sport in America."

The Lady Demons continue with conference play Wednesday night against McNeese State, and then travel to Arkansas State to participate in the Lady Indian Classic.

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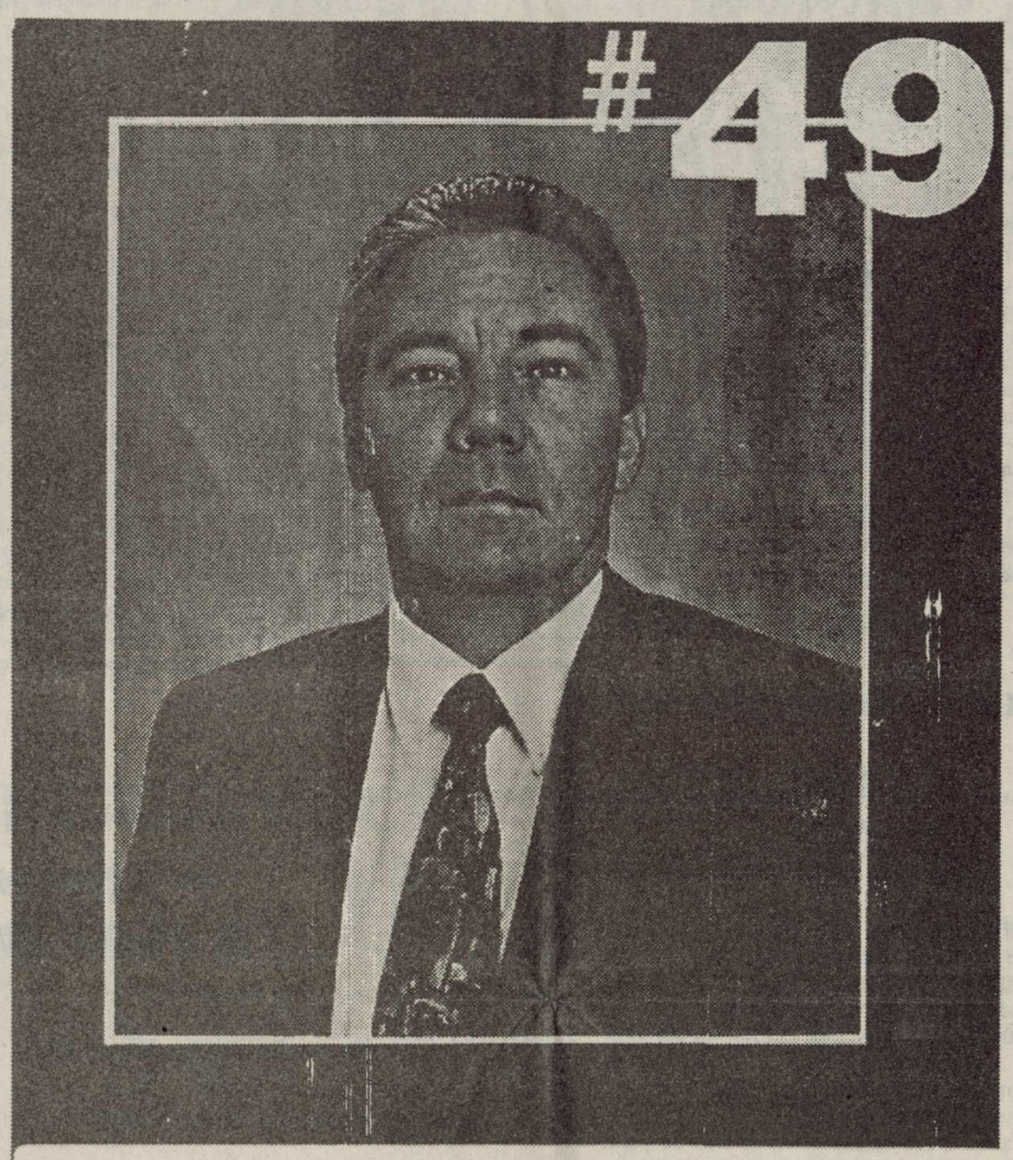
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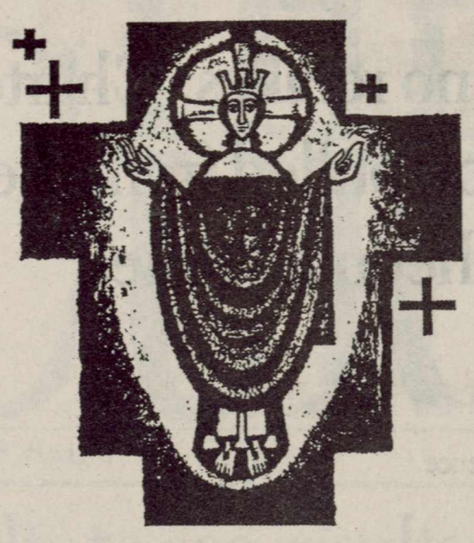
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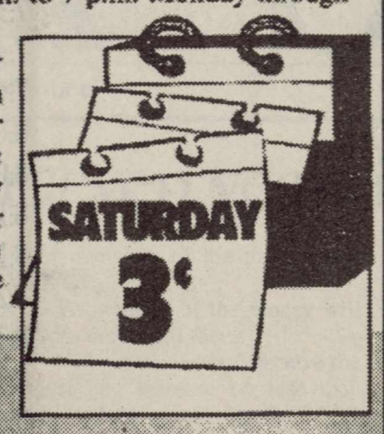
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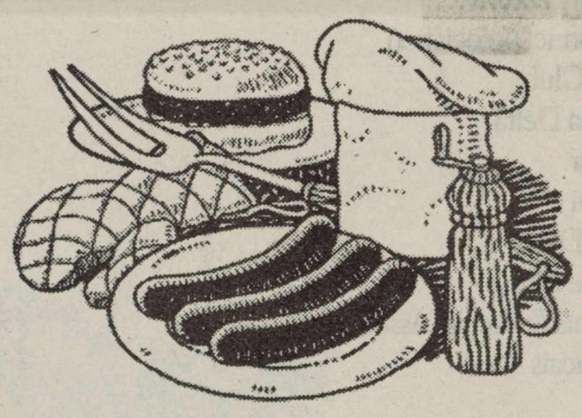


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6:00 - 6:05 Bowling Team
6:05 - 6:10 KNWD
6:10 - 6:15 Current Sauce
6:15 - 6:20 Greek Council
6:20 - 6:25 Interfraternity Council
6:25 - 6:30 Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
6:30 - 6:35 Panhellenic Association (NPC)
6:35 - 6:40 Alpha Kappa Alpha
6:40 - 6:45 Alpha Phi Alpha
6:45 - 6:50 Delta Sigma Theta
7:00 - 7:10 Phi Beta Sigma
7:10 - 7:15 Sigma Gamma Rho
7:15 - 7:20 Animal Health Technicians Association
7:20 - 7:25 Beta Gamma Psi
7:25 - 7:30 Phi Beta Lambda
7:30 - 7:35 Society for the Advancement of Management
7:35 - 7:40 Anthropological Society
7:40 - 7:45 Beta Beta Beta
7:45 - 7:50 Latter Day Saints Association
8:00 - 8:05 Northwestern Association Family and Consumer Sciences
8:05 - 8:10 Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Club
8:10 - 8:15 Kappa Omicron Nu
8:15 - 8:20 I. E. E. E.
8:20 - 8:25 BAACHUS/SPADA
8:25 - 8:30 Black Student Task Force
8:30 - 8:35 Circle K
8:35 - 8:40 College Democrats
8:40 - 8:45 College Republicans
8:45 - 8:50 College Libertarians
8:50 - 8:55 Flight Team
8:55 - 9:00 Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Wednesday, October 2

6:00 - 6:05 Council of Ye Revels
6:05 - 6:10 Order of Omega
6:10 - 6:15 Phi Mu
6:15 - 6:20 Sigma Sigma Sigma
6:20 - 6:25 Alpha Omicron Pi
6:25 - 6:30 Kappa Alpha
6:30 - 6:35 Kappa Sigma
6:35 - 6:40 Tau Kappa Epsilon
6:40 - 6:45 Theta Chi
6:45 - 6:50 Sigma Nu
7:00 - 7:10 Phi Mu Alpha
7:10 - 7:15 Kappa Kappa Psi
7:15 - 7:20 Black Student Association
7:20 - 7:25 Student Government Association
7:25 - 7:30 Student Activites Board
7:30 - 7:35 Black Knights Drill Team
7:35 - 7:40 Rifle Team
7:40 - 7:45 Swamp Demons
7:45 - 7:50 Music Educators National Conference
8:00 - 8:05 Phi Boota Roota
8:05 - 8:10 Sigma Alpha Iota
8:10 - 8:15 Baptist Student Union
8:15 - 8:20 Tau Beta Sigma
8:20 - 8:25 Argus
8:30 - 8:35 Council of Ye Revels
8:35 - 8:40 Catholic Student Organization
8:40 - 8:45 Student Theater Union at Northwestern
8:45 - 8:50 Wesley Westminster Foundation
8:50 - 8:55 Blue Key
8:55 - 9:00 Purple Jackets

Thursday, October 3

6:00 - 6:05 Gavel Club
6:05 - 6:10 Images
6:10 - 6:15 Inspirational Mass Choir
6:15 - 6:20 International Student Organization
6:20 - 6:25 Knights of the Round Table Chess Club
6:25 - 6:30 Non-Traditional Student Organization
6:30 - 6:35 Northwestern Amateur Radio Club
6:35 - 6:40 Kappa Mu Epsilon
6:40 - 6:45 National Association for Industrial Technology
6:45 - 6:50 Student Alumni Foundation
7:00 - 7:10 Bat Girls
7:10 - 7:15 Students for Choice
7:15 - 7:20 Student/Faculty Forum
7:20 - 7:25 Student Personnel Association
7:25 - 7:30 Toastmasters Club
7:30 - 7:35 Alpha Lambda Delta
7:35 - 7:40 Phi Eta Sigma
7:40 - 7:45 Phi Kappa Phi
7:45 - 7:50 Alpha Kappa Delta
8:00 - 8:05 Der Deutsche Klub
8:05 - 8:10 Indian Students & Faculty Association
8:10 - 8:15 Le Circle Francais
8:15 - 8:20 Los Amigos
8:20 - 8:25 Phi Alpha Theta
8:30 - 8:35 Pre-Law Society
8:35 - 8:40 Psi Chi
8:40 - 8:45 Psychology Club
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8:50 - 8:55 Sigma Tau Delta
8:55 - 9:00 Social Work Club
9:00 - 9:05 Society of Professional Journalists
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Thursday, October 10

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Faculty to see results of first pay raise in seven years in next week's paycheck

Carroll DeMas
Staff reporter

Northwestern faculty received a long-awaited raise this summer, and now wait for Sept. 30, when they will receive the first paycheck reflecting that increase.

Dr. Susan White, Faculty Senate president, said that the legislature of the University of Louisiana system passed a law mandating NSU's salary meet the Southern Regional Education Board average by rank.

The law passed this summer called for all teaching faculty below the level of Dean and librarians receive a four percent cost of living raise.

New employees who fall into this category do not qualify for the raise because their salaries were negotiated when they were hired.

This is the first pay raise for university faculty since 1989, when Buddy Romer was governor.

"We, the faculty, are very grateful to the Governor and Legislature; this will make it very easy for Northwestern to attract quality faculty," White said.

The fully-funded total of the raise is about $1.6 million.

Only five- sixths of the money for raises will be given to Northwestern this year because the SREB recognizes the fiscal year from Sept. 1 to Jan. 30 and Northwestern recognizes it from July 1 to Jan. 30.

Northwestern will receive the other one-sixth of the money next year.

Two- thirds of the money will be split among all faculty.

Full professors will receive the largest pay increase because they were farthest away from the SREB average. Assistant professors will get the second largest pay raise, followed by associate professors and finally, instructors.

Instructors will receive the smallest raise because they were closest to the SREB average.

The 12.9 percent average raise for NSU faculty will almost bring them equal with the SREB average. Before the raise, Northwestern had the lowest average salaries in the Louisiana Southern Regional Education Board.

The remaining funds will be given to division and department heads, according to rank, for allocation as they see fit.

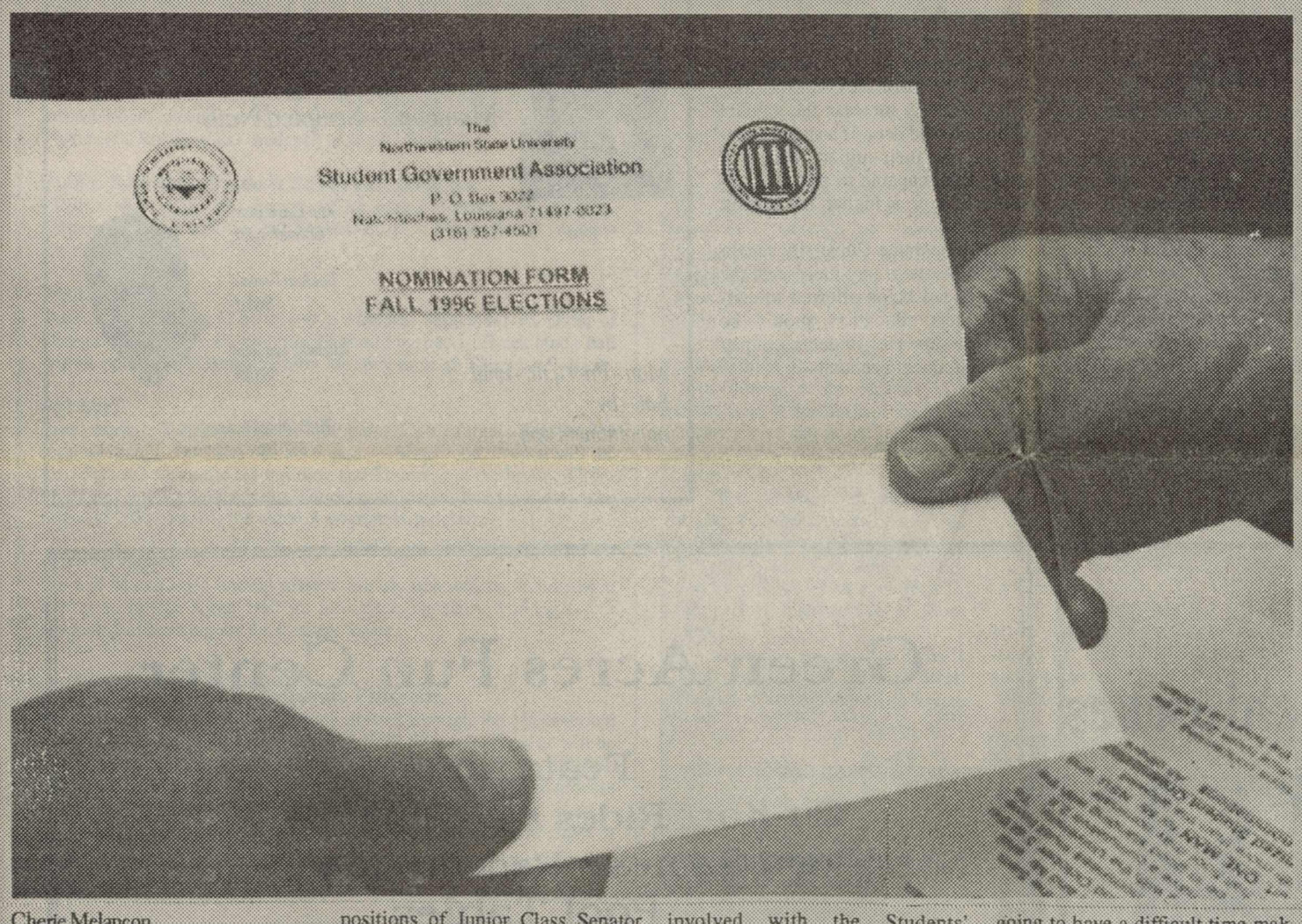
With less than a week until that first paycheck, NSU faculty members are looking ahead.

"I'm excited because I now feel that I can compete financially with professors with the same job at other schools; it's only fair that we be paid the same," Steve Horton, Assistant Professor of Journalism, said.

The new pay raise has students excited, too.

"It's great because instructors are the most important element in education," Elizabeth Crump, senior, said. "This will help Northwestern keep and attract quality instructors."

Election time again; students participate in democratic process



Cherie Melancon
Staff reporter

NSU Student Government elections will be held Oct. 2 in Iberville and Oct. 3 in the Student Union Lobby.

The candidates for the two positions of Freshman Class Senator are Angelique Duhon, Larry J. Ellis, Andrew Ganucheau, Emily Leonard, Camille Nunez, Ashley M. Pierce and Jody Lynn Sellers.

Candidates for the two Sophomore Class Senator positions are Lucas W. Dowden, Marian Kourtney Kentzel and Cichele Marie Sutton.

Amy M. Crews and Richard G. Long are running for the two positions of Junior Class Senator and William Allen Eubanks is running for the position of Senior Class Senator.

Those running for the four Senator-at-Large positions are Dan L. Helms, Andrew Kolb, Anne Michelle Labbe', Stacey Lynn Michaels and Sandra Schmieder.

There are no candidates for the graduate senator position.

Emily Leonard, a freshman senator candidate, thinks the entire election process will go smoothly.

"I think the election should go well," Leonard said. "I feel I have a good chance of being elected because I'm already involved around campus in different organizations.

"In high school, I was involved with the Students' Council and held major offices each year."

Leonard's campaigning will consist of putting up posters around campus, talking to students and getting to know them.

Although Northwestern students are frequently accused of being apathetic when it comes to campus elections, at least a few of them are already thinking about their decisions.

"It is going to be a very hard decision when it finally comes time to vote," freshman Mikka Hughes said. "I know several of the candidates and they each would do a good job."

"I am really afraid that the candidates are all so qualified I am going to have a difficult time making a decision," NSU student Jennifer Dean said.

NSU students know what they want when it comes to an SGA candidate.

"Our class senators should be able to speak well publicly, live up to their own expectations and be responsible for themselves and the student body," Hughes said. "Class senators should feel good about themselves and about their class."

Dean is looking for other qualifications.

"I think that qualifications of the student class officers should consist of being interested in helping the school and student body and they should try to get the students involved," Dean said.

On-campus housing shortage solved; some students now having to look for roommates

Nakia Bodley
Staff reporter

Less than one month into the new semester, the Housing Department has solved its placement problems in the residential dorms on campus.

This semester over 2,600 people requested rooms, but, only 2,200 spaces were available.

"We don't have an over crowding problem," Shelisa Theus, coordinator of residential services, commented.

Theus went on to say that although there were an enormous amount of room cards turned in, many people canceled their reservation during the summer. When people cancel these reservations at the last minute, it causes the housing shortage.

"Most of the people who applied [for campus housing] don't cancel their room until they have physically moved into their place," Theus said.

Numbers indicate that there is a steady increase of people moving back on campus. This semester approximately 20-30 percent of NSU students live on campus.

Theus believes this increase may be due to the increasing number of incoming freshmen, continuing students coming back on to campus because they are finding it too difficult to find housing and an increase in the University Columns' monthly payments.

Everyone who requested a room now has one.

Not all people, however, have roommates.

Jiquanna Rogers, a freshman residing in Sabine Hall, is afraid she may have to pay for a private room because her roommate canceled her reservation.

"It doesn't matter to me if I have a roommate or not," Rogers said.

"The only thing that I don't want to do is pay for a private room because I didn't request that and I feel that I shouldn't have to pay for that."

The University, however, has a consolidation policy which protects people who roommates do cancel their reservations.

"The resident can find their own roommate," Theus explained "If they can not find one, they are assigned one or, they still have the option to pay for a private room."

This policy, however, does not apply to the smaller residence halls unless the room is already designed to be private.

Other students, however, complain about having roommates.

Brained Bass, a resident of Sabine, requested a private room, but was still placed with a roommate.

"They told me that they didn't have enough room for me to have a private room, because the waiting list was so long," Bass said "I was told to come back on the 3rd of September when they were going to make room changes."

Now that the semester is underway, there seem to be more rooms available. Numerous positions have opened up in the upperclassmen resident halls.

"It seems that there are a lot of empty rooms in Sabine now," Bass stated " The room next to mine is vacant. People who requested private rooms seem to be receiving them now."

University to begin implementing peer sexual harassment policies

Emily Leonard
Staff reporter

Northwestern State University has stepped up its process to inform students of sexual harassment.

Title IX of the Education Amendment states that unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitutes sexual harassment when the conduct is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive, to limit a student's ability to participate in or benefit from the education program, or to create a hostile or abusive educational environment.

When this occurs the school has the right to investigate allegations of sexual harassment.

Teaching and informing students of sexual harassment has become a priority of NSU. Informational meeting for students has begun in the dorms by having guest speakers at NSU hall meetings.

"We are trying to create an awareness and do awareness activities to let all students know they do not have to tolerate sexual harassment, encourage them to report instances of sexual harassment, and to advise those people that sexual harassment is not acceptable," Fred Fulton, vice president of student affairs, said.

Many of the policies regarding sexual harassment can be found in the Student Handbook under the code of conduct.

Any student accused of sexual harassment will be investigated. The student who receives the harassment will go through many discussions and asked what they feel is appropriate punishment.

"If a student has sexually harassed another student, there are a wide range of sanctions by the University that are covered in the Student Handbook code of conduct," Fulton said. "There is a section in the code of conduct in which we would cover those sanctions."

Section 6.5 of the student code of conduct will be taken into consideration when dealing with any type of sexual harassment. It states that sexual harassment is "disrespect or inappropriate behavior at any time when dealing with other students and/or University employees."

Fulton advises anyone who feels that they have been sexually harassed to see someone who they feel comfortable talking to. Fulton also feels that a student is here to get an education and has this right, and that the students are not here to be sexually harassed.

If a student is sexually harassed, there are several places to find help.

The Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, Student Support Services, the Office of Counseling and Career Services and the University Police are all open to deal with student complaints regarding sexual harassment.

University faces eight percent rise in uncollected student debt

Stacey Michaels
Staff reporter

Uncollected student debt has risen 8.34 percent since last year.

According to Vice President of Business Affairs and Controller, Carl Jones, as of June 30, 1996, the approximate amount of uncollected student debt was $749,746. The figure has increased from June of 1995, when uncollected debt was $692,072. The total increase from 1995 to 1996 was $57,724.

This debt is a result of the numerous fees imposed on the students of Northwestern and their refusal or inability to pay them. The debt in question ranges from unpaid tuition to parking tickets.

Although educational costs are rising, as well as the price of a parking ticket, Jones does not believe that this is the cause of the uncollected debt. However, many students blame their unpaid fees on financial hardships.

Jennifer Sabrier, a sophomore business student, claims that she cannot afford to pay a parking ticket when she is still trying to pay for tuition on installments.

"I have a hard enough time paying my tuition much less worrying about if I paid for my ticket," Sabrier said.

Students who do not pay their fees are penalized by a hold on their account.

"Holds are placed on students who are delinquent and their account is referred to the University's collection agency for handling and for reporting to credit bureaus," Jones said. "A hold eliminates the ability of a student to be registered for a future semester and obtain an of fiscal university transcript."

Students who do not pay their debts and resign from the University will still have a hold on their account for ten years.

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"Natural Selections": A series of sculptures by Associate Professor of Art Michael Yankowski is on display on the first floor of the Orville Hanchey Art Gallery through Oct. 18. The collection recently returned from an exhibition at the Gruenn Gallery in Chicago. The sculptures are made of ceramic, metal and wood including cypress and mahogany. The gallery is open weekdays from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Webb's open door: President Dr. Randall J. Webb will set aside parts of two afternoons each week to make himself available to students. Students will be abl e to meet with him from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in his office. Webb's office is located in Room 102F of the new wing of the fine arts building. Students can make appointments or come by to meet with Webb on a first-come, first-serve basis. To set up an appointment, call 357-6441.

Jogging track: The first phase of a two-mile jogging track has been completed from the intersection of South Jefferson Street and Tarleton Drive to the University Columns Apartments entrance. Eventually the track will run along Chaplains Lake to the edge of campus.

ISEP meeting: NSU students interested in studying abroad can attend one of two informational meetings this week. The meetings will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday and at 5 p.m. Thursday in Room 106 of Kyser Hall. Students interested in foreign study in the fall 1997 semester or spring 1998 semester are invited to attend. More than 100 study sites are available including sites in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the South Pacific. For more information contact Thomas Whitehead at 357-5213.

Teacher training: Area teachers will receive training to help them provide a better education to young children with disabilities, with a grant awarded to NSU from the Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund. Dr. Joy McGehee, assistant professor of education was awarded the $77,900 for a project, "Computer Assisted Technology for Students." The ultimate outcome is to enable the inclusion of children with disabilities into regular preschool programming.

Faculty promotions: Nine faculty have earned promotions effective with the 1996-97 academic year. Those receiving a promotion to full professor are Dr. Burt Allen of the Department of Creative and Performing Arts, Dr. Grady Ballenger and Dr. Jean D'Amato of the Scholars' College and Dr. Christine Ford of the Department of Language and Communications. Faculty awarded the rank of associate professor are Dr. Karen Cole of the Scholars' College, Dr. Vicki Bowman and Dr. Robert Gillan of the Division of Education. Steve Horton of the Department of Journalism and Dr. Leann Stickler of the Division of Mathematics and Science were promoted to assistant professor.

Walt Disney World internships open doors for many students

Tori Tarver
Contributing writer

College classrooms looked a little different for some Northwestern students over the spring, summer and fall semesters.

Each semester, representatives from Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, visit Northwestern's campus in search of students who want an opportunity to gain knowledge of the entertainment and leisure industries.

This fall, Northwestern sent its largest class to Disney. Ten students are participating in the college program through the Co-op division of Northwestern. The Walt Disney World College Program is a three-part program consisting of learning, living, and working experiences.

The "learning experience" includes weekly seminars directed by professionals from the Disney University.

The "living experience" places students in apartments with other college program participants from all over the world.

The "work experience" offers students positions at the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios, and Walt Disney Resort areas.

Students are "cast members" in a variety of positions including merchandising, food services, attraction, transportation, custodial, lifeguard, and hospitality.

Cheryl Blalock participated in the spring of 1996 and worked in Fantasyland merchandising in the Magic Kingdom.

"Working at Disney was a good experience, my memories will last a lifetime," Blalock said. "I now have 'pixie dust' in my heart."

Landon Amberg worked at the All-Star Sports Resort front desk in the spring of 1996.

"It was a real eye opening experience. I will definitely be going back," Amberg said.

Being able to return to Disney as a cast member is just one of the advantages of attending the College Program.

By working at Disney through the college program or various internships, alumni are welcomed back at anytime.

Roblynn Gass, who worked at Magic Kingdom in the spring of 1995 returned last summer.

"It was more fun when I went back. I got to see all the people I worked with before," Gass said.

Teri Evans ,spring of 1995 participant, also returned to her Disney home last summer.

"Working at Disney was a once in a lifetime opportunity," Evans said. "Anyone should go, no matter what their major."

After graduating from Disney University, with either a "Ducktorate" or "Mousters" many students will return to Disney for more opportunities and experiences.

Students will sometimes change their majors to something more closely related to people and entertainment areas. Not only do students have an opportunity to work at a Disney theme park, but they also have an opportunity to volunteer with one of Disney's community outreach projects like Beta House or Give Kids the World.

By applying all three aspects of the program, students will have gained an insight into the business practices and entertainment philosophies of Walt Disney World.

Walt Disney World's continued support of education is proven through the College Program's living, learning and working experiences.

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Jones believes that the University is taking all possible steps to collect the debt. However, if those debts are not collected they are written off,

"Unpaid student accounts are written off in the second fiscal year following the year the debt was incurred," Jones stated.

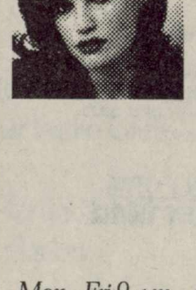
Northwestern is investigating a new way to handle uncollected debt. "The University is exploring a system to charge a $25 late fee to students whose installment is not made on their due date," Jones said.

Another measure under consideration is increasing the installment plan assessment. Jones believes that enforcing the dismissal policy for all students with delinquent accounts would also encourage students to pay their fees on time.

In spite of the fact that these alternatives are meant to prompt students to pay their fees on time, they could possibly increase the amount of uncollected debt. If a student cannot pay for their tuition, what will make them capable to pay an additional $25 or a higher installment plan fee?

Although the University cannot force students to pay their fees, the threat of not being allowed to continue their education should be incentive for the students to pay their delinquent accounts.

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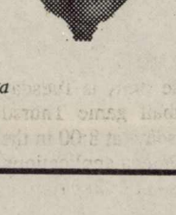


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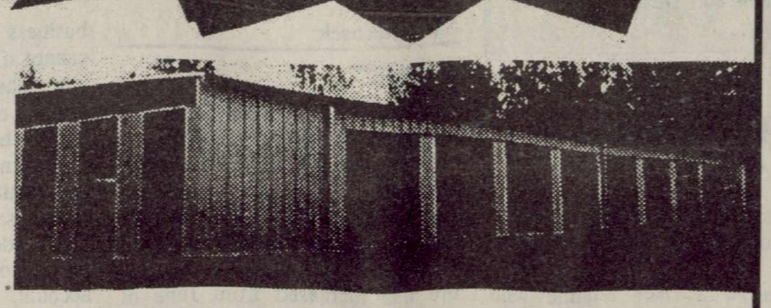
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SAB will be holding elections for representatives on Monday, September 20. You must be able to attend the meetings every Monday at noon. If interested, apply in 214 Student Union. All students are invited to our committee meetings held every Monday night at 8:30 p.m. in 221 Student Union.

Mu Epsilon Delta
Mu Epsilon Delta, NSU's premedical health professional club, will hold officer elections for the 1996-97 year on this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in 107 Bienvenu Hall. All members are asked to attend.

Journalism Majors
KNWD news is looking for reporters, producers and anchors. Freshman are welcome. If interested, come to the KNWD staff meeting this Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in 138 Kyser Hall or call 357-6764.

Students Helping Students - Peer Advisors
Applications are now available for Students Helping Students (Peer Advisors) for 1997 spring orientation. Applications may be picked up in the New Student Programs Office in 103 Student Union and are due back by Friday, October 11. Thirty positions will be available. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA, 30 credit hours, effective oral communication skills, desire to assist new students and knowledge of university rules, regulations and activities.

Freshman Connection
Applications are available for Freshman Connectors for 1997. Applications may be picked up in the New Student Programs Office in 103 Student Union and are due back by Monday, October14. Twenty positions will be available. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA, 30 credit hours, effective oral communication skills, desire to assist new students and knowledge of university rules, regulations and activities. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2, in the President's Room of the Student Union at 2:30 p.m.

Public Relations Student Society of America
PRSSA will have its second informational meeting Wednesday, September 25, at 2:30 in 222 Student Union. All interested students are invited to attend.

Panhellenic
Dues and rosters are to be turned in Monday, September 30. Order of Omega applications are due this Thursday by noon. Greek study hall will be held in 315 Student Union Monday through Thursday 9-4 p.m.

Phi Mu
Bible study is Tuesday night at 9:00 p.m.. Don't forget about the IM football game Thursday at 3:15 p.m.. Sisterhood events will be Tuesday at 8:00 in the IM building and Thursday at the house. Order of Omega applications are due Thursday by noon. Sunday meet at the house at 2:00 p.m. for the alcohol awareness program.

Current Sauce
We will be holding a tutorial session in basic newswriting tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in 225 Kyser Hall for all writers currently working for or interested in working for the Current Sauce.

International Student Exchange Program
Informational meetings on studying abroad through the International Student Exchange Program during the 1997-98 academic year will be conducted this Wednesday and Thursday at 4 p.m. in 149 Kyser Hall. Tom Whitehead, ISEP coordinator, will explain the application process and introduce students who have participated in the program. If additional information is needed, contact Tom Whitehead at 357-5213 or go to 103 Kyser Hall.

"Vic" often taken for granted despite difficulty of job

James W. Ponder
Sarah Crooks
Staff reporter

"Thirty seconds left in the fourth quarter, fourth down, Northwestern is trailing by only three points! The ball is on the 40 yard line. There is the snap, the other team is closing in fast... the pass... caught. He's going, going, going... TOUCHDOWN!!!

The crowd roars as victory spreads through Turpin Stadium. The band is playing, cheerleaders are cheering and Vic, the NSU Demon mascot, is doing somersaults across the field.

But most students take Vic for granted.

Vic shows up at every football game and pep rally, making the crowd laugh as he clowns around with the cheerleaders and band. He is the tangible evidence of our school spirit.

His job isn't always easy.

One of NSU's former mascots told the Current Sauce about his life as Vic.

"Being the personality under the mask has some highlights and rewards," the former Vic said. "You get to act like a fool on the field or sideline, or wherever you may be at the time; and the fans seem to get a kick out of watching someone out there act like an idiot.



"Vic" keeps the fans cheering as the Demons play ball

file photo

"I guess the one major reward of being the mascot is seeing the team win. It kind of makes you think 'Hey, I had a part in making this happen'," Vic said.

While being Vic has its advantages, the former Vic admits that there is one big drawback.

"Yeah, I enjoyed being the 'life' of Northwestern, but that outfit gets pretty d**n hot," the former Vic said.

Mascots can also get into situations with the other team's mascot when words and ,sometimes, mascots end up being thrown around.

In 1992, Northwestern received national attention because of a situation just like this.

During the second quarter of Northwestern's homecoming game against Northeast, the NLU mascot, Chief Brave Spirit, began taunting Vic.

The two mascots began fighting, in what the crowd first thought was a routine put on for their benefit.

Chief Brave Spirit pulled off Vic's head, which is something mascots never do. Vic then retaliated by throwing the NLU mascot to the ground and security had to be called.

This was considered a victory by NSU students and the SGA declared Halloween as "Vic the Demon Day." The national media picked up the story with coverage on ESPN, NBC's Today Show and USA Today.

Department of Creative and Performing Arts prepares for upcoming theater season

Melanie Romero
Contributing writer

Once again, NSU's Theater Department has planned an incredible and diverse season. The selection of performances includes Shakespeare, a farce, a classic and a musical, allowing the department to showcase its well-rounded pool of talent.

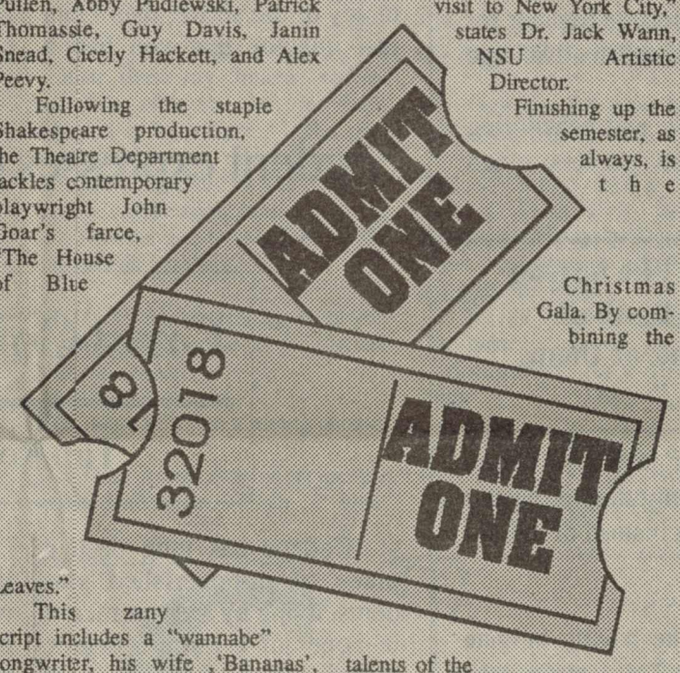
The department begins its season with William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." This classic tale of the battle of the sexes boasts a man intent on "taming" a strong-willed woman into a subservient wife.

This timeless plot, eloquently written by Shakespeare, showcases battling lovers, Petruchio and Katherine, and their comic evolution toward, what Petruchio feels is, the perfect man/woman relationship.

Primary cast members include Tony Arieux, P.J. Davis, Brett Daigle, Christopher Sly, Renae Pullen, Abby Pudlewski, Patrick Thomassie, Guy Davis, Janin Snead, Cicely Hackett, and Alex Peevy.

Following the staple Shakespeare production, the Theatre Department tackles contemporary playwright John Goar's farce, "The House of Blue Leaves."

This zany script includes a "wannabe" songwriter, his wife ,'Bananas', and a whole menagerie of screwball characters at the time of the Pope's visit to New York City," states Dr. Jack Wann, NSU Artistic Director.



Finishing up the semester, as always, is the Christmas Gala. By combining the talents of the Theatre and Dance troupes, along with the Orchestra and Choir, a multifaceted show of Christmas carols, dances, skits, and countless other holiday traditions emerges.

To begin the spring semester, the theater department is planning Ingmar Bergman's modernized version of Henrik Ibsen's A Doll's House.

This play, controversial when it was first written in 1879, examines an intelligent woman's life after her decision to leave her husband and family to seek a more fulfilling life on her own.

Ending the season, the department has chosen the mighty musical "West Side Story" by Leonard Bernstein.

This classic theme of star crossed lovers so famously portrayed in Romeo and Juliet is born again in a modern tale of two racial gangs fighting for territory on the streets.

In the thick of it all, Tony and Maria, from opposing sides, find love and try to overcome the schism of society.

1996-97 NSU Theater Schedule

The Taming of the Shrew William Shakespeare	Main Stage A.A. Fredericks October 8-12	7:30 p.m. 8-12 10:00 a.m. 10 - 11
The House of Blue Leaves John Guare	Theater West November 14-21	7:30 p.m. 14-21
Christmas Gala	Main Stage A.A. Fredericks December 6	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
A Doll's House Henrik Ibsen	Theater West February 14 -23	7:30 p.m. 14-23
West Side Story Leonard Bernstein	Main Stage A.A. Fredericks April 16-19	7:30 p.m. 16-19

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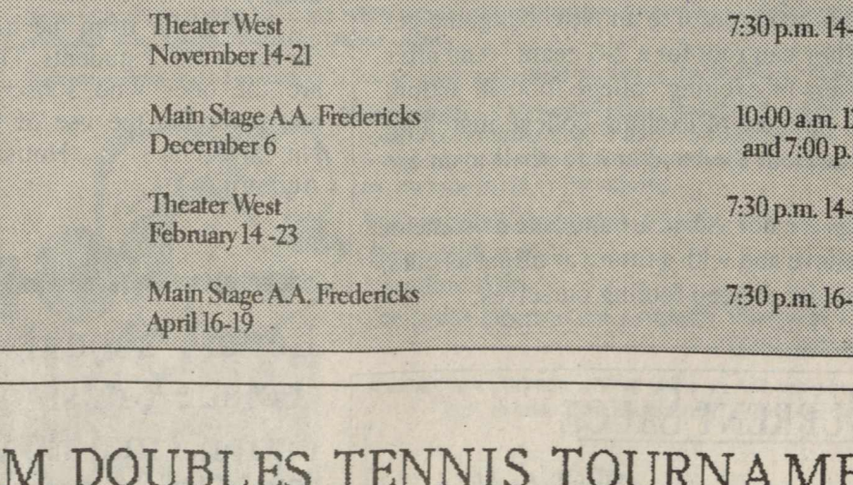
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Our View

Northwestern has its good points, too

Too often we get caught up in complaining about the conditions that we must "endure" here at NSU. The spectre of problems like parking, fee payment and all of the bricks are easy to comment on, but maybe we should all think about some of the better things that we have here.

One of the things that is far and away better than at other schools is the process through which we register for classes. First off, we are able to preregister, an advantage that not many other schools have.

The VAX and its "online" advising and scheduling capabilities also make the registration process much smoother.

"The school is also doing things like having tailgate parties before the home football games....And to let students drink at them, well, it is a revolutionary move..."

Can you imagine trying to register just days before classes start in the fall? What about attempting to register in long lines reminiscent of fee payment instead of in your advisor's office?

Doesn't sound like a lot of fun, does it?

The school is also doing things like having tailgate parties before the home football games. This year it looks like these might be a success. And to let students drink at them, well, it is a revolutionary move to say the least.

Campus beautification goes well, it is just sad that most of us will be gone before the bulk of the project is finished. Perhaps the completion of this long and often tortuous project will be an incentive for alumni to return for homecoming and other events.

This year, alumni who return to an NSU ballgame get an added bonus. They can root for a 2-0 team. And after watching two quarters of exciting college football action, they can watch 20 minutes of exciting college marching band action, because both the band and football team are in excellent form.

All in all, things are not as bad around here as some of us would like to believe and with a future as bright as ours, it is going to get harder to keep fooling ourselves.

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Columnist discusses the pros and cons of everyone's favorite excuses

The Gospel of Jeff

Jeff Burkett

How many times has this happened to you? You go to class one day only to find out that a major paper or project you should have been working on is due by the end of the day.

Does it happen regularly, often, once in a while, or all of the above?

Or how about when it comes to class attendance, do you skip once in a while, once or twice in a semester, or on a daily basis? And the final one, when midterms or finals arrive, do you show up a little late, show up a lot late, or not show up at all?

Well if you answered yes or even nodded in agreement to any of the above, then I can just imagine that you had a good EXCUSE for every occasion.

Yes, I used the dreaded word that makes the faculty cringe, and gives the so called student one last ray of hope. Excuses, you see, are like a**holes, everybody has one. And I'm quite sure, if you ask any of your knowledge sharing professors, they will share with you some of the doozies that they have been privy to over the span of their academic careers.

You remember the old reliable grade school excuses, ones like "my tummy hurts" or "Teacher, I don't feel so good".

And with being in college, the excuses are just as lame, but they are not only better worded, but much more time usually goes into an excuse now a days than time actually spent studying for a PhD.

Being the former head of a student organization here on campus, I can identify with the faculty with whom I have had the privilege of spreading my nutrient rich excuses on.

Believe me, when I can honestly say that I have heard it all. Probably not as much a most of the salary earners of NSU, but quite a bit. I would love to be a fly on the wall of any teachers office during these torrid excuse laden times. And that time would be anytime of the semester.

I will have to admit, no matter what your excuse is, I'm sure it is going to be a good one. But you have to remember, when you use an excuse, it may just come back to haunt you.

You know what I'm talking about. The superduper, lamo, pull it out of your butt, excuses. Ones like, "My grandmother/grandfather just died."

Now if that really happens then you have a valid excuse. But I know of a few students who over the course of their college careers, have lost six or seven grandmothers. Another popular excuse is the old "family problems" ploy. Just think about this, if your parents survived in the big bad world before you were ever born then I think that they will be able to take care of the problem without your guiding hand leading them through the darkness.

Think about how many students have graced the hallowed halls of NSU, then multiply that by three and you may be close to the amount of kaka that has been flung around this campus.

So think, next time you decide to unload a mouthful of crap on one of your unlucky teachers, just remember that they have heard it all...so it better be good!

Student expresses dismay over abuse of subsidized housing programs

Guest Columnist

Tim Rosas

College has long been a place of impoverished students, living by meager means in hopes of earning a degree and ensuring themselves of future employment and a better life.

The perception of a student is one who lives in aging dorms, eats at greasy cafeterias, and spends countless hours at an all-too noisy library.

This is far from the truth for many NSU students. They are the ones who subscribe and prescribe the use of the Natchitoches Housing Authority.

Those ill-educated, or ignorant as I was, may ask what the Housing Authority has to do with NSU college students. Personally I feel that it shouldn't have anything to do with college students. It should have everything to do with those who are in a destitute state and truly NEED assisted living. Let me not rant and first state the facts.

Many on-campus students wish that they could afford to live off-campus. Apparently, some ingenious student learned that the Natchitoches Housing Authority provided rent assistance if the applicant could provide proof of financial need.

What is this all-entitling level; approximately $11,100. Simply put, a single adult who earns less than $11,100 a year is considered to be living below the poverty line. Therefore, they are eligible for government assistance including rent, food stamps etc..

Students are using this loophole to move off-campus at the expense of the taxpayers. Not out of need or due to a shortage of dorm space but simply as a matter of convenience.

Now if this was a isolated incidence, I could hardly see the harm but students are literally coaching each other on how, and what to say to ensure that they qualify for the assistance.

I have even heard faculty advise students who mention that they wish to live off-campus to go and apply for the much heralded "Housing Authority". This made more sense when I learned that many of the Authority Approved rent houses and trailers are owned and leased by Northwestern State faculty!

So where does the blame rest? In my opinion, it lies with the Natchitoches Housing Authority itself. Are the students taking advantage of a need social program? Of course they are.

It is up to the Housing Authority to place greater restrictions on who, and why people receive their subsidized living.

Everyone knows that children will steal from the cookie jar until a parent stops them. Apparently the same is true with the Housing Authority.

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A&E

Fuel takes time out to discuss their sound, future plans and their audience

lesa thompson
Staff writer

Fuel first got together about five years ago way down in the alligator country more commonly known as Houma. After a few necessary changes in the line-up, the guys feel like they finally have it all together. These days the guys in Fuel are like one big happy dysfunctional family—and that's exactly how they like it.

I first saw Fuel in Alexandria when I went to check out the guys in Choke for what Jeremy Bouillion referred to as "the Carburetor Show." Unfortunately for me, I missed Fuel the first time around, but I finally got some sense into my head and hung out long enough to catch them the second night. Damn. I should've stuck around the night before—Fuel put on a show that was well worth it. Talk about angry. Geez, guys, ever consider switching to decaf?

Anyway, Fuel has been busy playing shows wherever they can and shopping around their CD (Wounds, Scars and Other Happy Stories) at various record labels in the hopes that the right deal (any deal) will come along. So after weeks of playing telephone tag, I finally caught up with Fuel's vocalist John Lee and guitarist Carl Hebert. What you're about to read is the result of my journey into the abyss these guys call Fuel.

LT: How difficult was it for you guys to get the disc together?

CH: It took a good six and a half to seven months because of financial reasons. We just couldn't afford it. We had to keep putting it off until we could make a little money to pay it off, so it took about seven months.

LT: Now that it's out and you guys have been able to sell some copies, what kind of response do ya'll get to it?

JL: Fantastic! I mean, for the amount of money that we put into it, you wouldn't expect it to be as good as it is, but as far as the local scene goes, the response to it has been great. As far as I'm concerned, I wish it could have been better, but I do appreciate the amount of work that went into it, and I think we did a hell of a job. So in that case, I think we deserve the kind of responses that we've been getting. We put a lot of hard work into that CD and it paid off.

LT: You said you think it could have been better, but in what way?

JL: As far as the vocals go, I wish I could have spent a little more time on it. But we thought there were time constraints and we just wanted to get the CD done; we wanted it out. We had people telling us, 'Man, ya'll need to get this CD out now,' just for big pipe-dream reasons. We were so naive, we were like, 'Yeah—okay.' But like I said, as far as the vocals go, I didn't spend as much time on them as I would have liked to. I mean, it came out pretty good and a few songs I wouldn't even touch. I might like to touch up a few things, but I think the rest of it is fantastic. Carl's guitars are super.

LT: Describe Fuel's music. Obviously it's not industrial, so what is it?

CH: Psycho, crazy music. It's power driven music, groove oriented and very heavy. I don't know how to really classify it. I really don't like labels. It's definitely Metal because of the heavy guitars and stuff, but it's not "Heavy Metal" like Motley Crue or anything.

LT: Do you mind the Metal label?

CH: No, I really don't. It doesn't bother me at all, just as long as we're not called "Heavy Metal."

JL: There are so many bands out there now that are called Metal. You go to a record store nowadays and it's rare that you even find a separated category for Metal, alternative, rock, whatever. So as far as that Metal label goes—hey, whatever. It's heavy music; I can't lie about that, so yeah, I guess it's Metal. It's definitely not R&B, and it's not rap.



Fuel, from l to r: Jeff McCarty, Carl "Dante" Hebert, Alex Bergeron, John Lee

LT: Some of your lyrics are totally weird, out there kind of stuff. Where do they come from?

JL: When I write these songs they may have a hint of some personal trauma , but I probably made it up. 99.9 percent of these songs are just characterizations of thoughts, ideas and images. I put them down on paper and create a story. I just can't write personal stuff; I don't want to share that with people. I'd rather share my dreams, visions and sick thoughts, and let them interpret it from there. I find personal stuff boring. I'd rather write the kind of stories that you'd find in a book, maybe something written by Clive Barker and some of the sicker individuals out there.

LT: Is it that it's boring, or do you just not want people to get that far into your head?

CH: Nah, he's just a boring person.

JL: You know how some people write stuff like, 'Yeah, I went through a real trauma when I was 12. My mom beat me and my dad used to give me Pez out of his underwear,' or something stupid like that.

CH: Out of his underwear?

JL: Yeah. So you see, I just created a song! I mean, sure I've had problems like we all do, but who in the hell wants to hear about when I was 10 and drank a sip of Chevis Regal, fell off my skateboard and split my face wide open? Wait a minute, that could be good, write that down.

Anyway, I'd rather create something and show off my mind just to get people to ask 'John, what in the hell is wrong with you? What are you talking about?' Well, I'm talking about a guy who falls in love with his tapeworm. Hey, it's happened before—I read it in a Surgeon General's article.

LT: Uh-huh. Do ya'll ever worry about offending people?

CH: No.

JL: If they are offended, then you know what—don't listen to it. Go out and buy a Mariah Carey album.

CH: Or just cut all the lyrics out and listen to my guitar playing.

LT: How does the music behind the lyrics come together?

CH: It's pretty much a corroboration of ideas from everybody. Everybody has something to put in. It's a combination of all of our thoughts and ideas.

We all put something in and then twist it and work it. All of us work together; this is not a selfish band.

JL: It's not like anybody says 'I wrote that.' It's like 'We wrote that,' and I think that's good.

LT: Who are some of ya'll's musical influences?

CH: I like Pantera, Prong, Skinny Puppy, Nine Inch Nails and some punk influences. Then there's some of the cheese rock guitarists from the past like Yngwie Malmsteen that got me started playing guitar.

LT: What kind of image, if any, does Fuel want to portray?

JL: A big bucket of cheese—with a bandana wrapped around my leg. Just kidding. Really, it's no image. We just get up on the stage and put on a good show. Most people who talk to us after the shows just tell us that we're angry. If I'm angry, then that's what I'm gonna show people. That's what it is—angry and energetic.

LT: Who's the primary audience at a Fuel show?

JL: Freaks. Kidding. It's a lot of freaks and normal looking people that you wouldn't expect.

CH: We get a wide range of people. Most shows, we just have freaks.

JL: But they're nice freaks.

CH: Freaks in a good way.

LT: When will Fuel reach a level where you'll consider yourselves successful?

JL: When I have a lifetime contract with Geffen Records and $14.25 million in the bank every two weeks.

CH: Actually, when we go on tour everywhere and play for everybody. I don't need $14.25 million in the bank every two weeks. I just want to enjoy myself for a little while.



lesa thompson
FUEL
Wounds, Scars and Other Happy Stories



This is not a disc for the weak of heart. Fuel is into doing things with a total "in your face and down your throat" kind of attitude.

Their lyrics are anything but happy and the music is enough to leave you with plenty of wounds and scars, or some bloody perforated eardrums at the least.

One track on the disc is titled "More Power Than God." If that doesn't give you a clue as to what kind of attitude we're dealing with, then nothing will.

Fuel is not a band that sits around worrying what other people are going to think about their music or what kinds of reactions people are going to have when they hear it. They write what they want to write and play it exactly as they want. If anybody else can jam with them, that's fine. And if some people find them a bit too hostile and belligerent, then that's okay, too. One way or the other, it doesn't seem to matter.

Vocalist John Lee is totally irate and not the least bit afraid to show it. Question is—are you willing to feel his fury, too?

My favorite tune on the disc is called "Lacerated Solar Dame."

I let our own Andrew Martin check it out and he called it "good music to listen to when you're getting ready to go out. It'll pump you up." Killer.

I love the lyrics to this one: "She says, 'Go ahead and kill yourself.' She says, 'Go ahead and do yourself in. I'd like you better if you were dead.' " Dude, how awesome is that? I'm diggin it completely.

Anyway, if you want to check out Fuel's Wounds, Scars and Other Happy Stories, get in touch with the guys at 130 Fairmont Ave, Houma, La 70364. Or use the internet and e-mail John at Lee@Cajun.Net.

In the meantime, call the Demon (357-5693) and tell them to play Fuel's remake of "Come Together."

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Sports

Demons dominate Texas A&M-Commerce with 33-7 victory

Angela Hennigan
Staff writer

The Northwestern Demons rolled over Texas A&M Commerce Saturday night 33-7, taking the Demons to 2-0 for the first time since 1987.

Northwestern dominated the first half, scoring on four straight possessions. Sophomore quarterback Warren Patterson led the demon offense with 251 yards, adding to the demons total of 344 offensive yards.

Patterson threw the 62 yard pass to Pat Palmer which put the demons on the board. The demons continued their scoring frenzy when Robert Robertson pushed his way in to the end zone with a one yard drive.

The next score came when Brian Jacquet rushed one yard, making the score 19-7.

The final score of the first half happened with 22 seconds left when Patterson hit Eric Granger with the 24 yard touchdown pass.

The lions won the toss and drove 79 yards on their opening possesion. Lion's quarterback Cole Cayce dumped a six yard pass to Casy Cowan, giving the team a 7-0 lead over the demons after the extra point kick.

After their first possession, the Lions did not get close to the end zone for the rest of the night.

"I thought we could win these two games coming in to the season," Northwestern coach Sam Goodwin said during the post-game show. " But I didn't think we would win them this convincingly."

The defense was also a determining factor throughout the game. Senior linebacker Grant Crowder, who was named the Southland Football League's Defensive Player of the Week, led the Demons with nine tackles, while cornerback Jermaine Jones had six.

Jake Michel, a redshirt freshman, also added to the effort with two interceptions in the second half.

"We were a little sluggish at the start of the game, but we settled down and made some great plays," Crowder said after the game. "I really think we can have a great defense and a great team this year."

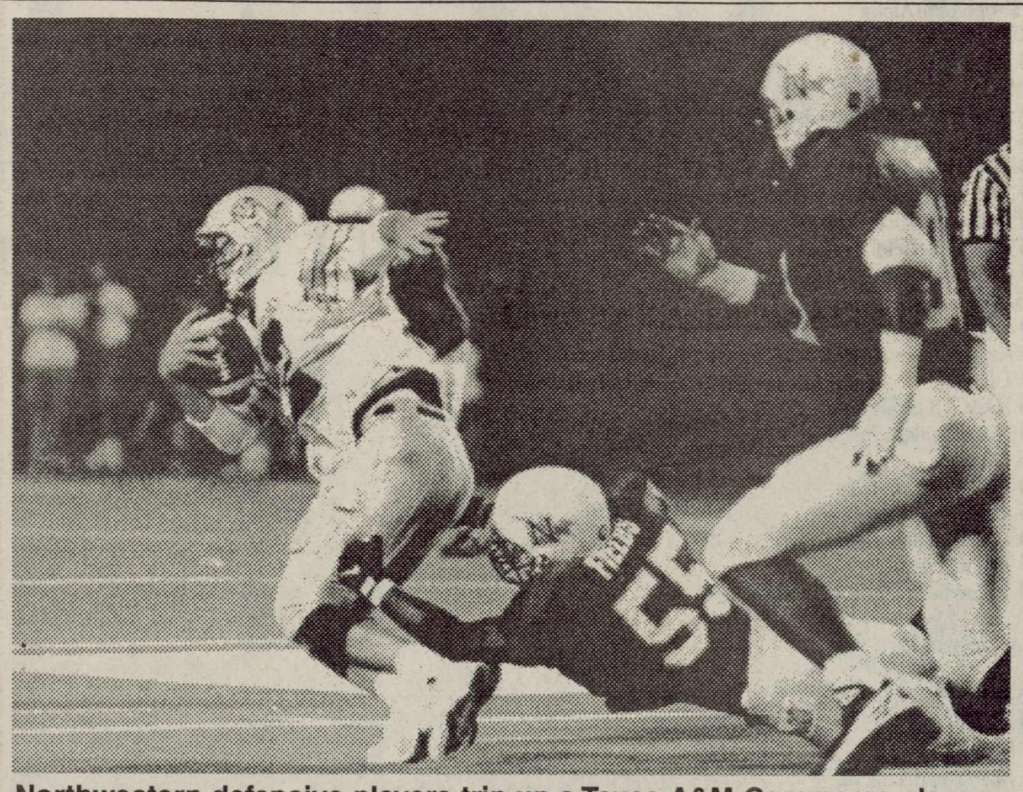
The second half proved to be a battle of the defenses, with Northwestern scoring late in the fourth quarter. Jacquet's nine yard touchdown run gave the demons a 33-7 lead and their last score of the night.

The Demons had 551 total yards, the second-highest total in Head Coach Sam Goodwin's 14 year career.

Senior tailback Anthony Williams gained 138 yards on 22 carries, giving him his second straight 100-yard game. Palmer totaled 108 yards on four catches.

Goodwin named center Stuart Archer as the demons Offensive Player of the Week. Archer had six knockdown blocks.

The Demons travel to NCAA Division I Boise State on Saturday, which kicks off the first of their next three games that will be played on the road.



Northwestern defensive players trip up a Texas A&M-Commerce player in Saturday's game

photo by Eric Dutile

Grant Crowder named defensive player of the week by Southland Football League

Elizabeth Crump
Staff writer

Demon's senior linebacker Grant Crowder has been named "Defensive Player of the Week" by the Southland Football League. Crowder made 14 tackles in last Saturdays game against Texas A&M- Commerce.

Crowder played a sign)ficant role in putting Northwestern to its first 2-0 start since 1987. The Demon's held Texas A&M-Commerce to a total of 146 yards during the three quarters that Crowder played.

According to Coach Sam Goodwin, Crowder is a great player on the field and an excellent leader on and off the field. "Grant's leadership really brings the other players up to the place they need to be," he said.

Goodwin also added that Crowder was close to breaking the school record for tackles. "During the time he played he was all over the field, it was amazing that he got 14 tackles out of 30 plays" Goodwin added.

Crowder feels that it was more of a team effort. " I really think that we can have a good defense and a great team this year," he said.

"Grant epitomizes team leadership," Goodwin said. "He is a very oriented individual and he does whatever is best for the team. I could tell Grant that I needed him to sit out for the quarter and he would say 'whatever is best for the team Coach"'.

As player of the week Crowder commented that although he had many set backs in the past, he felt healthy and it is obvious that he was ready to play ball.

With 2 great games so far things are looking promising for the Demons. Goodwin feels that Crowder motivates the rest of the team and with his ability to be a leader, he sees the Demons having a great year.

Athlete of the Week: Stewart Archer

Elizabeth Crump
Staff writer

This weeks player of the week is Stuart Archer, one of the strongest offensive lineman ,who helped rank Northwestern 3rd in total offense in the nation after 2 games.

Although Archer is not the biggest center in the history of Northwestern State football, this 5-foot-11-inch, 262 pound senior used his strength in an outstanding game Saturday night against Texas A&M - Commerce.

According to Head Coach, Sam Goodwin, Archer is probably the demons best offensive lineman. "He may be the best pass protecting center I've coached at Northwestern. He's very strong and is hard to get around."

During the spring Archer posted the top mark in the power clean at 316 pounds and the second best lift in the bench press at 385 pounds.

Back in 1994, Archer moved to the top of the depth chart, as a sophomore, due to a knee injury to starter John Dippel, less than 2 weeks before the season opener. Since that time Archer said it's immense how much he's grown. "As a senior I feel my role is to try to help everyone around me."

Before the victory against Southern, Archer said since this was his senior year and a lot of other guys' senior year, he wanted to start the season out with a win and it looks as if he has kept his word with 2 victories against Southern and Texas A & M - Commerce.

Goodwin has high praises for Archer.

"Stuart is our most consistent performer and he gets the job done," Goodwin said. "He is the best past blocker and he had 6 knock down blocks and 551 total yards in Saturday nights game."

Goodwin also added that if Archer keeps up the hard work for the rest of the season, that the Demons can win every game.

"I don't feel like I'm a naturally gifted athlete," Archer said. "But I think the one thing God has given me is to be a hard worker."

Hard work is obviously what Archer has given his team and he will be aiming for another victory when the Demons play away at Boise Saturday.

Golf team blows commanding lead; takes second in Shreveport tourney

Philip Wise
Staff reporter

The Northwestern State Golf Team led going into the second day of play in the 1996 Hal Sutton Intercollegiate Golf tournament at the Shreveport Country Club, but was unable to cope with the incredible performance of the NLU Indians in the final round.

Northwestern held a two shot lead as they were headed for the final 18 holes last Tuesday in the two day tournament.

The Demons built a substantial lead Monday, the first day of the contest, with 295 and 298 over 36 holes of play. Tuesday they shot a very respectable 297, but the Indians' had an overwhelming game and finished with a total of 283.

NLU, with an 878-54 hole total, was victorious while Northwestern was slightly behind with 890 taking second place. Louisiana Tech was fifth at 900 and host of the tournament, Centenary closed with 906 coming in seventh.

"We were very disappointed in the outcome of the tournament, because we were so close to bringing home first place, but nine and a half hours takes a toll on our guys, mentally and physically," Derek Morel, NSU's golf coach, said.

Kristian Bjarnson and Scotty Free Northeast teammates both finished at 2-over 215. Bjarnson won medalist honors in a scorecard playoff after shooting an unbelievable 4 under 67 Tuesday.

Northwestern's Manuel Inman entered the second day of the contest one shot from the lead. Inman shot a disastrous 16th hole closing it out with a triple bogey leaving him to finish one shot back in third with a 73 for the day.

"Don't let his performance on the16th hole fool you. During the course of the tournament he had a couple of birdies and is a very very strong player" Morel said.

Matt Baum, co-captain, started the second day in a fifth place tie, but finished 10th, closing with a 75 for a 223 total for two days of play.

"Baum is a natural leader and is respected by all his teammates. When the job needs to be done Matt is one that can be depended on," Morel said.

Northwestern held 13th-place on the scorecard finished by Magnus Akerstrom, who shot 74 Tuesday for a 224. Teammate Luis Arechiga shot 76-228 for 21st place, while Paul Cullin finished with a 75-236 for the 36th slot.

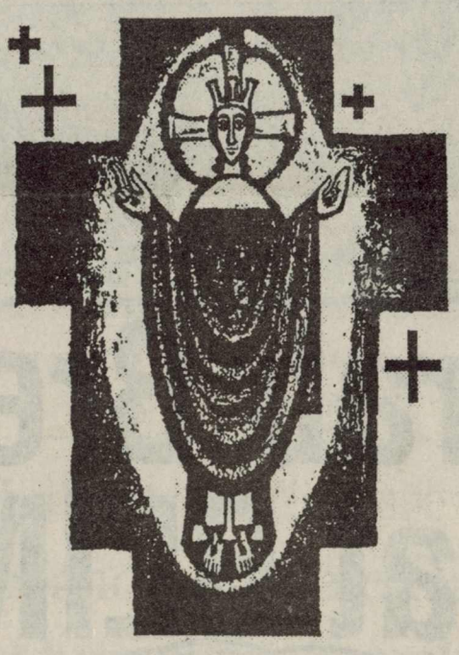
The NSU golf team consists of Manuel Inman, sophomore; Matt Baum, junior; Magnus Akerstrom, sophomore; Luis Arechiga, sophomore; Paul Cullin, sophomore; Dylan Payne, sophomore; Bobby Wynne, junior; and Beau Bockhaus, freshman.

The NSU golf team will be at the La Tech Invitational at Pine Hills in Calhoun Oct. 24-26.

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Tuesday, October 1

6:00 - 6:05 Bowling Team
6:05 - 6:10 KNWD
6:10 - 6:15 Current Sauce
6:15 - 6:20 Greek Council
6:20 - 6:25 Interfraternity Council
6:25 - 6:30 Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
6:30 - 6:35 Panhellenic Association (NPC)
6:35 - 6:40 Alpha Kappa Alpha
6:40 - 6:45 Alpha Phi Alpha
6:45 - 6:50 Delta Sigma Theta
7:00 - 7:10 Phi Beta Sigma
7:10 - 7:15 Sigma Gamma Rho
7:15 - 7:20 Animal Health Technicians Association
7:20 - 7:25 Beta Gamma Psi
7:25 - 7:30 Phi Beta Lambda
7:30 - 7:35 Society for the Advancement of Management
7:35 - 7:40 Anthropological Society
7:40 - 7:45 Beta Beta Beta
7:45 - 7:50 Latter Day Saints Association
8:00 - 8:05 Northwestern Association Family and Consumer Sciences
8:05 - 8:10 Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Club
8:10 - 8:15 Kappa Omicron Nu
8:15 - 8:20 I. E. E. E.
8:20 - 8:25 BAACHUS/SPADA
8:25 - 8:30 Black Student Task Force
8:30 - 8:35 Circle K
8:35 - 8:40 College Democrats
8:40 - 8:45 College Republicans
8:45 - 8:50 College Libertarians
8:50 - 8:55 Flight Team
8:55 - 9:00 Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Wednesday, October 2

6:00 - 6:05 Council of Ye Revels
6:05 - 6:10 Order of Omega
6:10 - 6:15 Phi Mu
6:15 - 6:20 Sigma Sigma Sigma
6:20 - 6:25 Alpha Omicron Pi
6:25 - 6:30 Kappa Alpha
6:30 - 6:35 Kappa Sigma
6:35 - 6:40 Tau Kappa Epsilon
6:40 - 6:45 Theta Chi
6:45 - 6:50 Sigma Nu
7:00 - 7:10 Phi Mu Alpha
7:10 - 7:15 Kappa Kappa Psi
7:15 - 7:20 Black Student Association
7:20 - 7:25 Student Government Association
7:25 - 7:30 Student Activities Board
7:30 - 7:35 Black Knights Drill Team
7:35 - 7:40 Rifle Team
7:40 - 7:45 Swamp Demons
7:45 - 7:50 Music Educators National Conference
8:00 - 8:05 Phi Boota Roota
8:05 - 8:10 Sigma Alpha Iota
8:10 - 8:15 Baptist Student Union
8:15 - 8:20 Tau Beta Sigma
8:20 - 8:25 Argus
8:30 - 8:35 Council of Ye Revels
8:35 - 8:40 Catholic Student Organization
8:40 - 8:45 Student Theater Union at Northwestern
8:45 - 8:50 Wesley Westminster Foundation
8:50 - 8:55 Blue Key
8:55 - 9:00 Purple Jackets

Thursday, October 3

6:00 - 6:05 Gavel Club
6:05 - 6:10 Images
6:10 - 6:15 Inspirational Mass Choir
6:15 - 6:20 International Student Organization
6:20 - 6:25 Knights of the Round Table Chess Club
6:25 - 6:30 Non-Traditional Student Organization
6:30 - 6:35 Northwestern Amateur Radio Club
6:35 - 6:40 Kappa Mu Epsilon
6:40 - 6:45 National Association for Industrial Technology
6:45 - 6:50 Student Alumni Foundation
7:00 - 7:10 Bat Girls
7:10 - 7:15 Students for Choice
7:15 - 7:20 Student/Faculty Forum
7:20 - 7:25 Student Personnel Association
7:25 - 7:30 Toastmasters Club
7:30 - 7:35 Alpha Lambda Delta
7:35 - 7:40 Phi Eta Sigma
7:40 - 7:45 Phi Kappa Phi
7:45 - 7:50 Alpha Kappa Delta
8:00 - 8:05 Der Deutsche Klub
8:05 - 8:10 Indian Students & Faculty Association
8:10 - 8:15 Le Circle Francais
8:15 - 8:20 Los Amigos
8:20 - 8:25 Phi Alpha Theta
8:30 - 8:35 Pre-Law Society
8:35 - 8:40 Psi Chi
8:40 - 8:45 Psychology Club
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Student's web page raises questions about University censorship

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

Web pages belonging to NSU students and faculty may soon have disclaimer pages preceding them stating that the ideas and images found on the pages do not necessarily represent the ideas held by Northwestern.

Since the University has no regulations or guidelines as to what can be put on a student web page and content has always been left to the "best judgment" of the student, this is an idea that is being given serious consideration, Dr. Thomas Hanson, acting Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, said.

This decision follows several weeks of discussion between Hanson and junior psychology major, Shana Parsons.

Parsons' web page caught Hanson's attention this summer when a member of the community asked Hanson if this is what Northwestern is supposed to represent, referring to a barely clothed woman found on the page.

Parson put the drawing of a 1950's pinup model, Bettie Page, on her web page last spring.

"I put her up for two reasons," Parsons said. "One, because someone said she looked like me and two, she was the first pinup model to do bondage photographs. For my experimental psychology class, I'm doing a project on S&M, so I thought I'd just put all this stuff on my web page."

Although Parsons did partially cover some parts of the drawing, she realized that someone would probably say something about it.

"That's fine," Parsons said. "I figured I would just take it down, change it, or clothe her. It wasn't a big deal to me."

Parsons didn't hear any complaints last spring, so she left the page as it was, and went home for the summer.

A few months later, when Parsons heard that her page was no longer up and her VAX account had been deactivated, she assumed it was because of the picture.

"I thought it was kind of odd because I have friends who have graduated or transferred, and they still have their web pages up," Parsons said.

When Hanson received the complaint, he looked at the page and looked for Parsons. When he found out she wasn't enrolled in any of the summer sessions, he had her VAX account and web page disconnected.

This was not an action of censorship, Hanson said, but one of University policy.

"When I found out she was no longer a student, I did what we are supposed to do with any student, staff or faculty member who no longer retains that status under the state constitution... and cannot use state resources," Hanson said.. " I deactivated her account. I did not remove it; I did not delete it; I deactivated it.

According to Hanson, because Parsons was not enrolled for the summer, she was not considered a student under the state guidelines and her account had to be deactivated; and ideally, the same would be done for all former NSU students.

Once Parsons came back to school, she began working with Dr. Hanson to get her VAX account set up again and get her page back up.

"I tried to make it clear to her that we weren't trying to tell her what to do," Hanson said. "I suggested that she take another look at her page and she said 'Fine.'"

"Dr. Hanson was very nice," Parsons said. "He told me that someone in the community had come to him and asked him if what was on my web page is appropriate for a representative of NSU. He hadn't even seen it. Then ..., he took a look at it and thought, maybe not.

"I was not voted into this position (representative of NSU,)" Parsons said. "The people on SGA are representatives of NSU. There are people out here on campus doing things a whole lot worse than what I'm doing who are supposed to be representatives of NSU. I'm one person, and what I put on my web page (was singled out)."

According to Parsons, Hanson made an impromptu contract on a piece of paper that said she would agree to take the picture down.

"And I signed it," Parsons said. "They put the page back up within, I'm sure, the next 24 hours."

"I don't recall having her sign anything that said she would take the picture off," Hanson said. "If that's the ultimate thing that was written down, it was a mistake and I apologize," Hanson said.

"Dr. Hanson was just doing his job," Parsons said. "He was just doing what he could do. I just wish he would have said something to me first."



One student's web page has caused an evaluation of University internet policies regarding student web pages photo by Eric Dutile

CAAP having affect on university accreditation process; many students say it is a waste of time since results do not count right now

Tatum Lyles
News Editor

In the past several years, one may have heard students complaining about taking an exam known as the CAAP Test, asking questions such as "What is the CAAP Test and how can if affect my academic goals?"

According to information provided by Dr. Virginia Crossno, director of University Planning and Assessment, CAAP stands for Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency.

It was designed by ACT, and is comparable to the standardized college entrance exams. It tests students in writing skills, mathematics, reading and science reasoning.

The CAAP test can affect a student in two ways. According to Dr. Thomas Hanson, Acting Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, if students do not take the test, they may experience a hold which will prohibit enrollment in 3,000 or 4,000 level classes.

If students do take the test, their scores may help to improve the academic environment by supporting Northwestern's theme "excellence is our minimum standard."

According to Crossno, in order to be eligible to take the CAAP test, a student must have completed 30 hours of undergraduate courses and have taken the first of the two math and English classes required. The second math and English classes must have either been completed or the student must be enrolled in them at the time of the test.

The requirements for Scholars' College students differ slightly from those of other students. Students in the Scholars College must have completed 45 hours of undergraduate courses instead of the required 30 for other NSU students.

Students majoring in nursing, education, or radiological technology need not worry about the CAAP test because of the other tests that must be completed according to their degree field.

The tests taken for each of these majors are also compared to the national norm to decide if the core requirement classes are effective with these students as well.

Another reason students should be interested in taking the CAAP test is to move from the pre-major classification to the major classification.

Many of the students who have taken the test do not understand its importance because it has little effect on the individual.

"I think that the CAAP test was a waste of time, the results do not affect the student in any way," Stacey Michaels, junior, said.

Many people have heard faculty and administrators speak of accreditation. Accreditation is one of the reasons people chose to join the educational environment of Northwestern. It ensures that students here are acquiring a quality education, and it is a way for other schools to know that also.

When a university is accredited it has been evaluated and has proven to be a worth while institution with proper technique in educating its students.

Since it was first administered in the fall of 1994, the test has been taken by a total of 1,163 students. The results, after enough are compiled, are used to better the learning environment to the level of other school across the nation.

According to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, SACS, 1996 handbook, "Criteria for Accreditation", "Institutional research must be an integral part of the institution's planning and evaluation process.

It must be effective in collecting and analyzing data and disseminating results." The handbook continues, "An institution must regularly evaluate the effectiveness of its institutional research process and use its findings for the improvement of its process."

500 students participate in Career and Graduate Day; largest turnout in several years

Stacey Lynn Michaels
Staff reporter

Career and Graduate Day 1996 had the largest turn out in several years, with approximately 500 students participating.

"It seemed to me there was better participation between both recruiters and students," Frances Conine, director of counseling and career services said.

On Sept. 24., students could visit with roughly 47 different businesses and eight graduate without leaving campus.

According to Conine, the purpose of Career and Graduate Day is to bring in graduate and professional schools along with businesses to represent their individual programs.

This process is designed to help the student understand what is in the career market and what graduate school options are open for their future reference.

Career and Graduate Day is funded by the Counseling and Career Services budget and is open to any businesses and graduate schools that want to attend.

The Office of Counseling and Career Services markets to both students and businesses through newspaper ads and articles. Career and Graduate Day is also promoted in several of the upper level classes at Northwestern.

Career and Graduate Day is done in connection with similar programs on other college campuses.

"We do this [Career and Graduate Day] in cooperation with McNeese, Northeast, and Louisiana Tech," said Conine.

Recruiters perform Career and Graduate Day on the four campuses within the period of one week. A mailing list of businesses is also shared between the colleges.

Valencia Smith, a senior social work major, attended Career and Graduate Day to look at different graduate schools.

"I attended Career Day to explore new opportunities and graduate schools," Smith said.

Smith talked to two different graduate schools and thought the recruiters were very helpful. Although Smith was helped, she felt her options were limited.

"I didn't feel that there were enough people representing social science present," Smith said.

Conine explained that Smith's complaint is one she frequently hears.

Conine also said she would like to have a larger variety of graduate schools and businesses represented at Career and Graduate Day, but she cannot make people come.

In an attempt to better Career and Graduate Day, an evaluation form is given to those students who attended.

If any ideas on the forms are feasible, than the Counseling and Career Services attempts to make the change.

With the many choices facing college graduates in the work forces today, the Career and Graduate Day program is both beneficial and necessary to many students.

With the help of both Northwestern's academic preparation and programs designed to assist people in finding jobs, students can feel both mentally adequate and ready to choose a career when they pass through the gates of the University on their way into the "real" world.

New Greek honor society, Gamma Sigma Alpha, to be chartered this fall; will recognize Greeks with superior academics, leadership positions

Jeremy Ekberg
Staff reporter

Northwestern will charter a new Greek honor society, Gamma Sigma Alpha, this semester to recognize those Greeks who have attained excellence in academics and leadership.

Reatha Cox, Greek advisor, will hold an informational meeting for all those who meet the requirements for membership on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 5 p.m. in 221 of the Student Union.

Membership requirements are as follows: a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 at the start of a student's junior year or a GPA of 3.5 or higher in any semester during their junior or senior year.

Gamma Sigma Alpha, was founded to promote intellectual interaction among Greeks and the community, to promote educational advancement among Greeks, and to instill a spirit of cooperation among Greek students, according to Cox.

The honor society was founded in 1989 at the University of Southern California by a group of scholastic achievers from various fraternities and sororities there. A national board was established the following year to promote their ideals on campuses all over the country.

Throughout 1993 and 1994, Gamma Sigma Alpha initiated over 1400 Greek scholars and established 64 chapters. Today it has over 90 chapters and its own publication called the Gamma Sigma Alpha Literary Magazine.

Gamma Sigma Alpha, whose operations and programs are totally funded by fees assessed to undergraduate chapters, will recognize outstanding Greeks in the area of academics much like Order of Omega. Order of Omega sponsors the Greek awards every year and will soon be aided in that by Gamma Sigma Alpha.

According to a pamphlet issued by the honor society, Gamma Sigma Alpha has many benefits to membership. Some of them are leadership through officer positions, chapter programming, and the national executive board, a lifetime membership, networking by meeting other outstanding students and faculty, and scholastic achievement.

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Campus Briefs

Webb's open door policy: Dr. Randall J. Webb will set aside parts of two afternoons every week to make himself available to students.

Students can meet with Webb on Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the president's office. Webb's office is located in 102F of the New Wing of the Fine Arts Building.

Students can make appointments or come by to meet with Webb on a first-come, first-serve basis. To set up an appointment, call 357-6441.

"My Sketchbook:" Descendants of families with roots in Natchitoches and surrounding areas might be interested in a book recently published by NSU Press and edited by Associate Professor of English, Neil Cameron.

Cameron's book "My Sketchbook, 1926-27" was written by Arthur Babb, a building inspector with the Texas and Pacific Railroad. It is an actual account of the people he met and the places he went when he visited Natchitoches and several other cities in the late 1920's.

Cameron worked for two years on the project before he learned much about Babb. Copies of "My Sketchbook" are $14. 95 and are available at area bookstores or from the NSU Press at 357-4586.

"Taming of the Shrew:" Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" will be presented on the main stage of A.A. Fredericks Auditorium Oct. 8 through Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Sculpture in Orville Hanchey Art Gallery: The work of 13 area sculptors is on display on the second floor of the Orville Hanchey Art Gallery until Oct. 18.

The exhibition is by the Red River Sculpture Society. It is part of a tour by the Sculpture Society of area colleges and universities. The society's goals are to encourage more public sculpture, assist with more and better art shows, encourage artists to live and work in the area, make this area more "art friendly," open and improve markets for sculpture and meet monthly to share knowledge and techniques.

Beach Boys to perform locally

The Beach Boys will be performing live in concert ar Bringhurst Stadium in Alexandria, Thursday, October 10. Gates will open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m..

Tickets can be purchased for $25 and $20 from any Ticketmaster Outlet or at the Campus Corner Bookstore on College in Natchitoches. The concert is brought to you by the Alexandria Aces baseball Team. For more information call C. Reldon Owens at 318-473-ACES.

NSU shuttle bus offers alternative to walking for commuter students who park at Coliseum

Emily Leonard
Staff reporter

A new sight for students around campus is the NSU shuttle bus.

The shuttle bus route runs from Kyser Hall to Prather Coliseum for commuter students.

"The shuttle was started this semester on the initiative of President Randall Webb and then he approached us as well about it," Carlton Downey, SGA president, said. "Really, it was a University decision.

"They thought that since the rules had changed in the commuter studetns with the freshmen and sohphomores having to park out at the stadium they are trying to accomodate them with the shuttle."

Many students consider the shuttle bus a positive influence to the school because the shuttle makes things easier on them.

"I would ride the shuttle if it was raining and I could not find a parking spot and had to par at Turpin Stadium," John Hatley, senior history and anthropology major, said.

"Yes, I wouild ride because it would take energy to walk," Hatley said. "So I do think it is a vital commodity to the University."

The shuttle service began Sept. 23. At first, not many students took advantage of the bus, but it had become more popular.

"It has been doing real well,"" Lee Nuggent, shuttle bus driver, said. "We have averaged around 40 to 60 students each day. I feel that it is an asset, not only to the students, bu the University."

The shuttle runs Monday through Friday, from 7:30 until around 2:30, with rounds made every 15 minutes.

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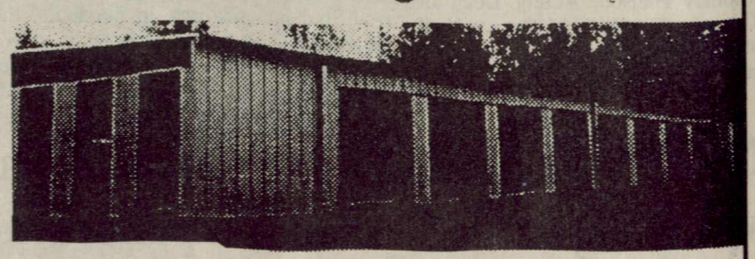
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Freshman Connection
Applications are available for Freshman Connection for 1997. Applications may be picked up in the New Student Programs Office in 103 Student Union and are due back by Monday, October 14. Twenty positions will be available. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA, 30 credit hours, effective oral communication skills, desire to assist new students and knowledge of university rules, regulations and activities. An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2, in the President's Room of the Student Union at 2:30 p.m..

Purple Jackets
There is a meeting tonight. First, we will take our yearbook picture in the Student Union Ballroom. Be there no later than 8:45, wearing your Purple Jacket. If any returning members have not paid their dues, they are $5 per semester or $10 for the whole year. Please give it to Martha by tonight.

Sigma Sigma Sigma
Today is letter day, Greek Week committee will meet today at 3 p.m. and we have an IM football game at 3:15 p.m.. Crew meetings are Wednesday at 8 p.m.. Thursday is Dress-up day, Halloween Carnival will meet Thursday, also, at 4 p.m.. Sunday there is a meeting at 7 p.m. and don't forget you lil' sis goodies and give your personals to Anne.

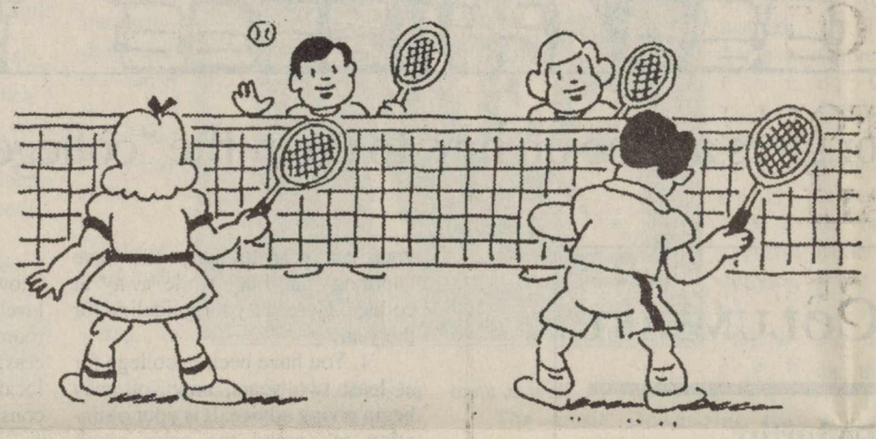
College Republicans
College Republicans will meet Thursday, October 3, at 6:00 p.m. in 21 Student Union. Van Kyzar, a candidate for District Attorney, will be the guest speaker. All attending the meeting will be asked to bring in a canned good.

Students Helping Students
Applications are now available for Students Helping Students (Peer Advisors) for Spring Orientation 1997. Interested parties may pick up applications at New Student Programs in 103 Student UNion. Applications are due back by Friday, October 11, 1996. Thirty positions will be available. The qualifications are a 2.5 GPA, 30 credit hours, effective oral communication skills, desire to assist new students and knowledge of university rules, regulations and activities.

Public Relations Student Society of AMerica
PRSSA will have a meeting this Friday at noon in the SGA room of the Student Union. Anyone interested may attend.

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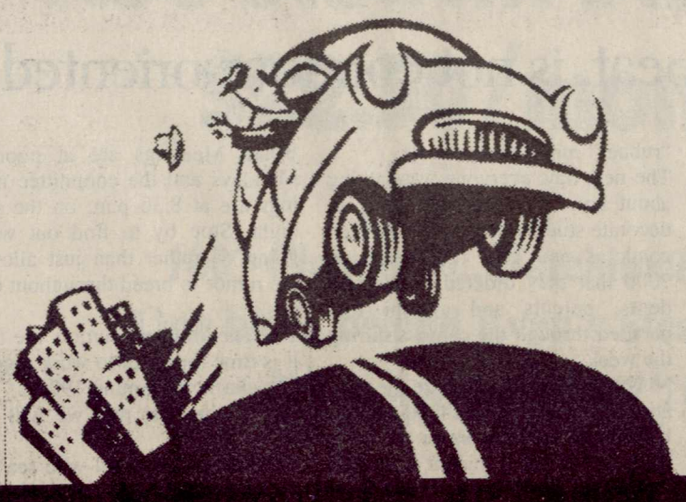
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Our View

We're voting, how about you?

It's time again for NSU's annual student government elections, which means colored flyers are probably hanging in every nook and cranny of Kyser and the Student Union begging to be noticed. Some probably even have a catchy rhyme or campaign slogan.

However, chances are the average NSU student has walked right by these brightly colored promises and has no idea when or where the elections are being held.

Sure, the Current Sauce ran a story on it last week, but that was last week and we're all too busy to remember such trivial details.

In the past, NSU students have faithfully demonstrated the meaning of the word apathetic when it comes to participating in SGA elections. Last year, few students thought these elections were important enough to take two minutes out of their schedule and circle a few names.

Some students may ask "Why bother? The SGA has nothing to do with me."

Wrong.

When students go through fee payment each semester, the SGA has everything to do with them. Part of those student fees automatically go the SGA who then uses the money to fund various campus clubs and projects to benefit NSU students. Doesn't this kind of fiscal responsibility seem important enough to warrant a couple of minutes of everyone's valuable time to go vote?

"If students don't vote, then they really don't have the right to complain about the decisions their student leaders make."

Of course it does, students are crazy if they don't go vote.

If students don't vote, then they don't really have the right to complain about the decisions their student leaders make. Most all of us do enough bitching about the school to last us a lifetime, but how many of us can say that we took the time to go vote in the elections?

This isn't high school. Believe it or not, we have actually progressed light-years beyond the faculty-run, puppet student councils of tenth grade.

Our student government leaders actually have the power to make decisions. They vote on legislation designed to benefit students. Sure, sometimes their ideas get vetoed farther up the chain of command, but that's how the real world works too.

Maybe it's time we get used to that fact and the fact that we must get involved.

Think of this election as practice for the "big one" coming up in November.

This will be the first presidential election many college students get to participate in. Use the SGA election to practice your candidate-choosing skills.

For those of you who've forgotten, the SGA elections will be held Wednesday in Iberville and Thursday in the Student Union Lobby.

The Current Sauce editorial staff will cast their votes, will you?

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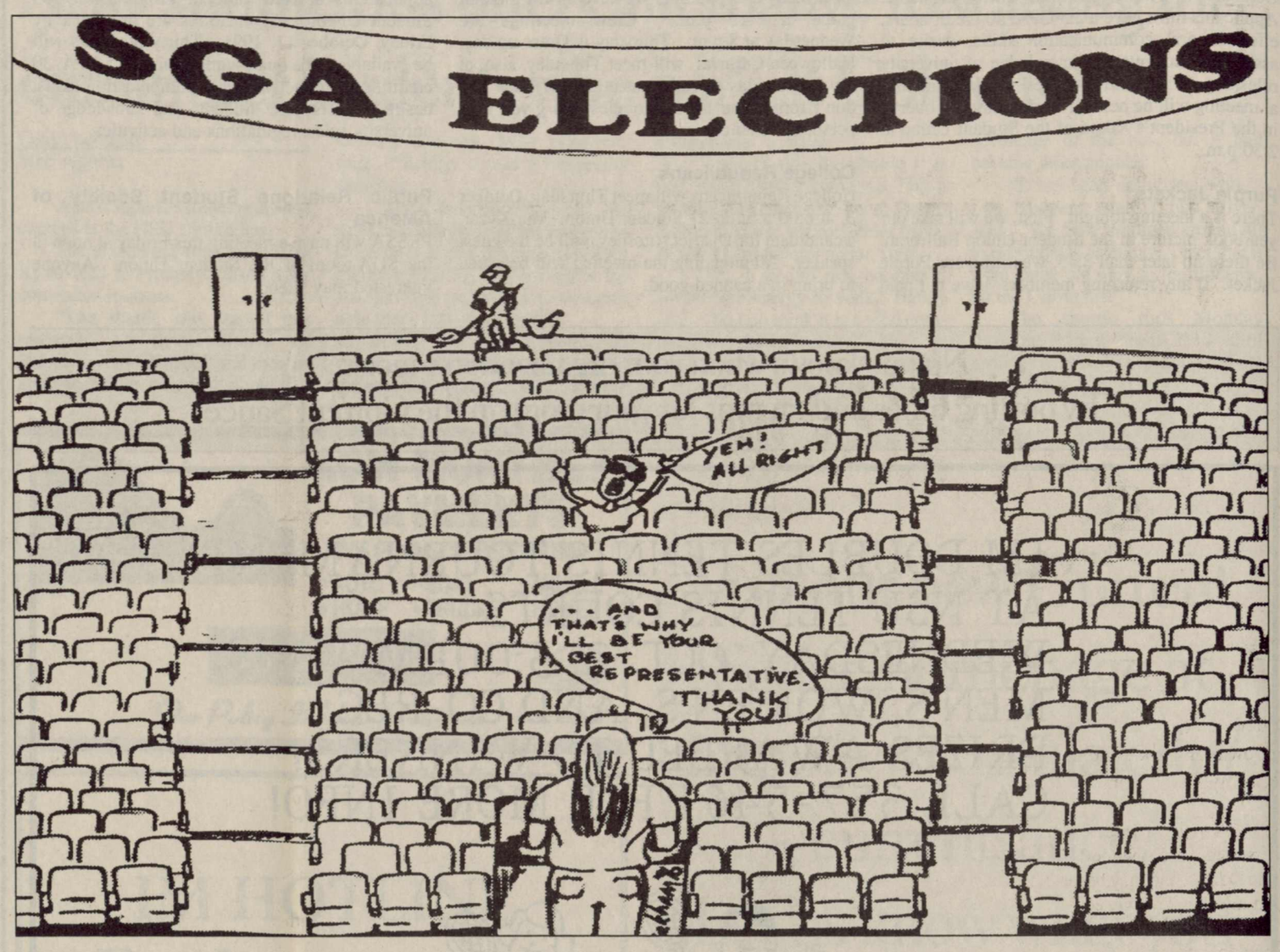
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Fifth-year senior gives advice on how to enjoy the "college experience"

Guest Columnist

Tait Martin

Well, it's that time of year again: mid-semester. Everybody's crabby, stressed out and not in the peachiest of moods. It's also the time to have freshmen frolic, because they feel as though they are really in college now:and a time for seniors to panic, because they are about to be kicked into the real world.

It's a time for sophomores to bitch because nothing is going their way, and a time for juniors to pray that they make it just one more year.

No matter which category you fit into, just remember that we are all here for one reason — (All together now) — "TO GET AN EDUCATION."

I really don't care how you feel about that statement, but it's the truth —we've paid our tuition and we have to get the most out of college. I feel it's my God given obligation as a fifth year senior to pass on some advice that may be beneficial to everyone.

Freshmen, here are a few tips that may help you get off to the best four, five, six or seven years of your life:

1. Refrain from using the phrase, "Back in high school..." or "My momma said... Frankly, many people don't give a frog's wet butt about what you did in high school or what your momma cares about.

2. It is no longer cool to wear the "Seniors Rule the School" t-shirts anymore. (Rule of Thumb — wear dirty clothes until they stink or can run away by themselves.)

3. You will learn soon enough not to take any classes before noon on a day after a popular "Going out night."

4. And finally, STAND UP FOR YOURSELF! People will not cater to you because you are new here. College is the first flush in the toilet of life. You can either wash down the sewer or fight the current with the Tidy Bowl Man.

Sophomores, you have survived the first year,are no longer freshmen, and now you are back for more.

Here are a few tips that just may save you:

1. Try not to make fun of freshmen because you still look just as stupid.

2. Refrain from using the terminology, "Since I've been here..." One year of college does not even begin to pick the scab of the higher education experience. The only advice that you should be giving is which orientation teacher is best and whether to eat the mystery meat in the cafeteria.

3. Remember to go to class. It was your turn to goof off last year, now you got to hit the books.

4. Start thinking of a career. (Drinking twelve beers in a funnel is a skill, not a job.)

5. And finally, this is probably going to be the prime of your rebellious years. Warn your parents before you decide to dye your hair pink and purple. Also remember, tattoos are permanent.

Juniors, you are in the home stretch. If you are one of the few still on the four year plan, this is your last year to party and have "nothing' but fun" while away at college. Here are your guideline for the year:

1. You have been in college for at least two years, now you may begin giving advice. It is your obligation to spread the news about "crip" courses and bad professors. Don't abuse the power. (O.K., who am I kidding, have fun with it. Tell a freshman that physics is the easiest course you've had.)

2. Be the life of every party. Freshmen are too shy. Sophomores are too busy. And, seniors are too tired. Party hard, my child.

3. Now is the time when you realize that being a teacher or engineer is not for you. You have the notion to switch your major to business so you can open that strip joint / bar you've always wanted.

4. Limit begging for money. Your parents have been hearing the same crap for two years and are probably pretty tired of it. You may want to begin looking for a part time job. (Remember, flipping hamburgers builds up your drinking elbow.)

5. And finally, by now you should have perfected begging for a grade. You may want to share the secrets with someone else. (Don't tell any secrets for less than ten bucks.)

Now some advice for those who have made it to the plateau of college. All bow down and hail the SENIORS. Since they have experienced just about everything there is in college, here are a few things that have to be reviewed:

1. Drink specials change from semester to semester. If you are trying to save money, this is probably an important rule to remember.

2. Now is the time to update your resume. Employers don't care if you were the "Elementary Spelling Bee Champ." Be sure to list all of your special skills (Employers look for junk like this).

Computer literacy means you know how to get through all of the levels of "Street Fighter" on your roommate's SEGA. If you can successfully order from the menu of a local Chinese restaurant, you are considered bilingual.

Being able to go out with two women on the same night and not having either find out is the ability to successfully plan and organize.

All of the above should be part of your resume.

3. Make sure you are going to graduate. Wouldn't it suck if you forgot to take English 1010 your freshman year?

4. Kiss as much rear as you can before you leave. You never know when you may need an urgent letter of recommendation.

5. And finally, milk as many student loans as possible. You will probably need the money to get on your feet when you are shoved out into the "Real World."

Well, now you all should be ready to face the waters of college life for the first time or have the nerve to dive in again. As I barked before, YOU ARE HERE FOR AN EDUCATION. But you are also here for the COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.

The college experience is not only going to class and studying. It's staying out late, going out with new people and making a fool out of yourself at football games. It's the homecoming hangover or the three-day love affair.

These are the memories that stick with us. When you're 70, you won't remember who taught you Spanish but there is a good chance that you'll remember that road trip to New Orleans. That, my friend, is the college experience.

You are the teachers of the college experience. It is your responsibility to teach it to all who come behind you. Learn it. Live it. Remember it.Pass it on.

Homecoming theme is not, repeat, is not condom-oriented

Dear Editor,

Condoms. Rubbers. Jimmy Caps. Love Gloves. Raincoats.

It has been brought to my attention that a faction of the student population thinks that this is the focal point of our homecoming theme — "Let's Wrap This Thing Up", or at least that's what they thought after the meeting on Monday, September 23.

As president of the Student Activities Board, I will right out say that this is very far from the truth.

The whole basis of the "rubber" rumor began during a brainstorming session that goes on at the end of every SAB meeting. We are an organization of social programs, and creativity and brainstorming is a major part of planning events for the student body.

A member of the board came up with an idea that we could order condoms with the homecoming theme on it. It was chuckled at and that was the end of it. That's it. Finis. Nothing more. Or so we thought. The "rubber" rumor really ruptured during the Student Government Meeting later that evening.

A representative from SGA sits on the Student Activities Board and reports to the governing body. During the SGA meeting, it was reported that we had ordered condoms and were going to distribute them during homecoming week. This little screw-up procreated the "rubber" rumor to its climax.

The next day, everyone was talking about how the SAB was going to decorate student union with inflated condoms and give the remaining 7000 that they ordered to the students, parents and alumni that paraded through the campus during the week.

Now let's stop and analyze the situation —- Do you really think the University, its advisors or the SAB itself would spend student money on this when the infirmary has all the condoms anyone would ever need? I don't think so.

Students, when rumors spread, it is your duty to find out if it's the truth, rather than just casually pass on the speculations. The Student Activities Board Meetings are at noon on Mondays and the committee meetings are at 8:30 p.m. on the same night. Stop by to find out what's going on rather than just allowing the rumor to breed throughout campus.

The "rubber" rumors are false. It is time for us all to work together to make homecoming 1996 one of the best that we will ever have.

My advice to all who see it fit to keep these rumors going is... "Let's Wrap This Thing Up!"

Tait Martin

A&E

Tree and Quintaine Americana both get positive reviews



lesa thompson
Staff reporter

Tree
Downsizing the American Dream
CherryDisc Records

I've been a Tree fan ever since I first heard them while I was a DJ at the Demon and they became a staple on my show every week.

Just when I thought that Tree couldn't possibly get any cooler, I read the insert on the new disc, Downsizing the American Dream, and saw where the band gives thanks to the imperial Metal juggernaut known as GWAR.

O come, ye heathens, let us give praise to the mighty Tree.

One of the things that I dig most about Tree is their lyrics. They're not afraid to say something worthwhile in their songs.

On Downsizing the American Dream, Tree does a song called *X-Communicated*.

As far as I'm concerned, it's a diatribe against everything from preachers who con stupid people out of their money to the notion that God is white with blond hair and blue eyes.



Granted, some people are going to find Tree's vituperation highly offensive and a whole lot farther into blasphemous country than they're willing to travel.

But fortunately for the rest of us, that doesn't seem to matter much to Tree. Which is one of the reasons why I don't just like Tree for their music; I've developed a certain amount of respect for them as well.

The music Downsizing the American Dream is straight-forward and heavy. The vocals are raw and powerful, and the guitars are just as aggressive as they can be.

There's no denying it—Tree don't mess around—they're here to do some damage. And they're not relying on heavy production to do it with, either.

Like I said, the keywords here are straight-forward and heavy.

Tree does a cover of Woody Gutherie's *This Land is Your Land* on Downsizing the American Dream.

Any time a band covers something that old and soft, I figure the re-make is going to fall into one of the only two possible categories: Either it'll sound totally killer, or it's going to suck completely.

As hard as it may be to imagine, Tree's re-make goes straight into the former category.

They've actually managed to do an impressive cover of a song that I really didn't dig much the first time around.

Not only did Tree re-do a classic, but they've improved on it as well.

To sum it all up and rate Downsizing the American Dream on a scale of headache to migraine, I rank Tree's latest as an aneurysm. This one's a keeper.

Quintaine Americana
Needles
CherryDisc Records



As soon as I saw the cover with the little dried up dog/lamb/goat thingy on it, I instantly knew that Quintaine Americana's Needles is a disc that I just had to cover.

It reminds me of a dried up cat that I once saw nailed to a wall in a shop in New Orleans. But I'll save that one for another time.

Anyway, Quintaine Americana's sound is sort of a slower, groove-oriented kind of heavy. I like the feel of the music. There's a lot of low-key bass action going on and it's easy to get into.

Needles isn't exactly "pump me up," but it's still a far cry from "put me to sleep."

It's about aggression that lies just beneath the surface. You might not be able to put your finger right on it, but you definitely know it's there.

Put it this way—one drill at the dentist's office may turn a little bit slower than the other, but it'll still hurts you just the same.

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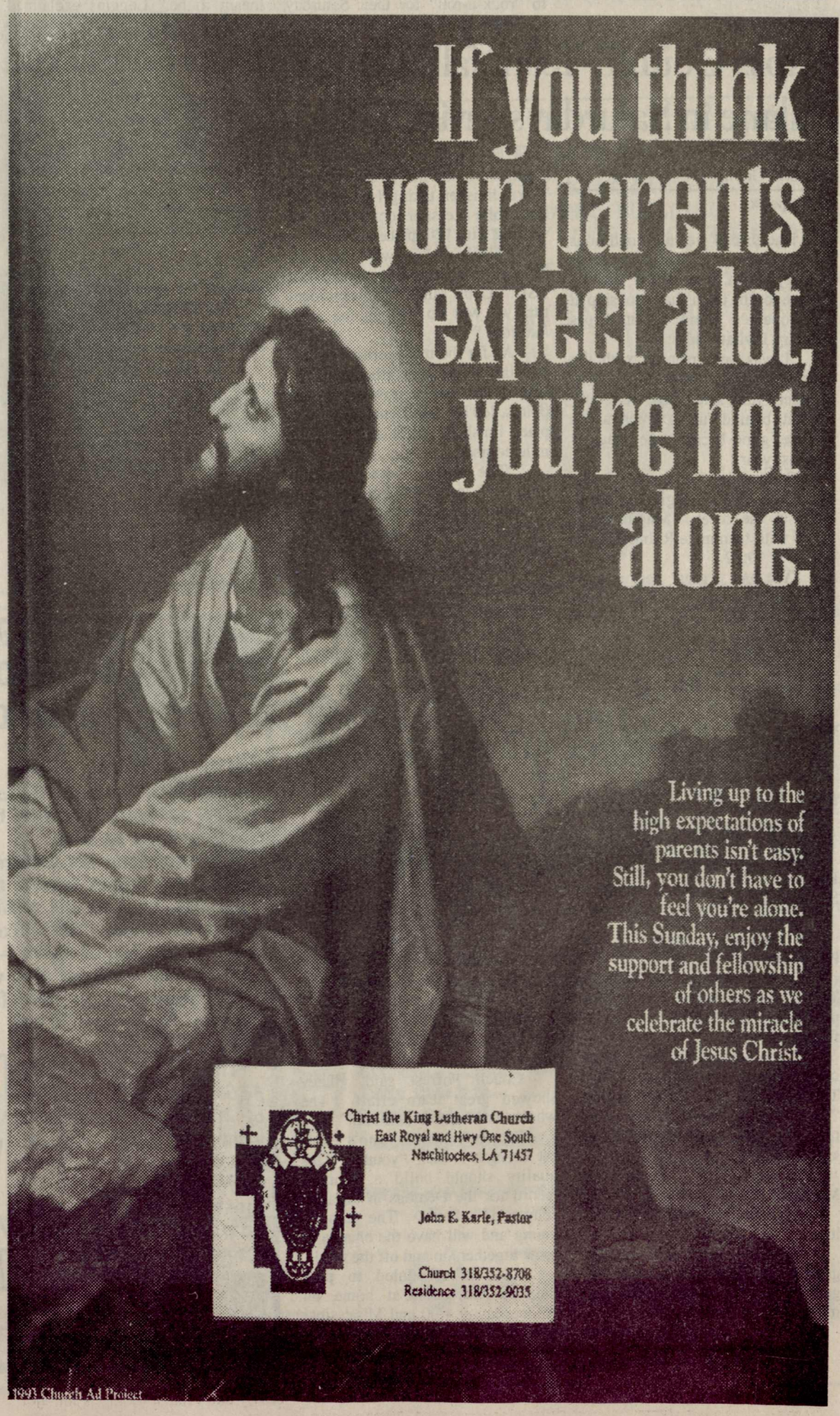
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Sports

Demons shock Boise Broncos with road win in potato country

Brian Satawa
Staff writer

The Northwestern football team, led by Anthony Williams 143 yards rushing and one touchdown, beat Boise State 20-16 for their third straight win.

The Demons did it again with defense getting three interceptions. Jermaine Jones got the last of the three picks to ice the game for the Demons who are now 3-0 for the first time since 1980.

Demon Quarterback Warren Patterson had another error free game and was 4-8 for 106 yards. Included in those passing numbers were two outstanding catches.

The first one was a 43-yard bomb to tightend Damian Johnson for a touchdown. Pat Palmer added the other big play with a 52-yard reception. Patterson also added 37 yards on the ground. The Demons continued to run the ball effectively with 275 yards rushing in the game.

The defense however is still coming up with the big plays when the Demons need them.

Despite giving up 463 total yards to Boise, the defense were coming up big when it was needed the most.

Redshirt freshman Damion Brown had a huge sack in the first quarter on a third down play at the Demon 4-yard line.

He rifled and clotheslined Boise Quarterback Tony Hilde for a eight-yard loss. With that sack, the tone of the game was set as Boise had to settle for one of their three field goals for the game.

There was also a huge goal line stand for the Demons at the end of the first half. Derrick Fields and Clint Loggins helped lead the charge as the Demon defense stopped Boise on a fourth and inches at the goal line.

Boise tried to run a quarterback sneak for the score but they were denied. Boise came out of the pile with no points after outstanding hits by Loggins' and Fields to keep the Boise Quarterback Hilde out of the endzone.

"It wasn't pretty but it's a win and it is great to be 3-0," Demon coach Sam Goodwin said. Goodwin was still a little concerned about the fact that the Demons still have a tendency to give up some big plays to the opposition's offense.

However, after discussing that he said that, "good football teams will overcome those things and we did tonight."

The Demons will after an off-day on Sunday begin preparations for their showdown this Saturday with Northeast Louisiana in Monroe. Northeast is now 2-3 on the season after a 38-21 loss to Arkansas.

Northeast will be looking for revenge after suffering a 41-38 loss to the Demons last year. Lots of tickets remain for this game, tickets can be picked up at the NSU Fieldhouse.



Demon running back Brian Jacquet, rushes in Saturday's victory file photo

Athlete of the Week: Defensive lineman Clint Loggins

Philip Wise
Staff reporter

Defensive lineman, Clint Loggins, was awarded The Northwestern Athlete of the Week and Louisiana State defensive player of the week. Loggins, a sophomore from Gilmer, TX, was a key player in last weeks battle against Boise State.

Loggins a six foot, 255 lb, noseguard has had a successful start with the Demons football program. He played in all 11 games of the 95 season, finishing the year with 20 tackles, 11 of which were solo and a recorded five tackles against Delta State.

"Clint is a great kid who is very dedicated to the game and his physical health," Sam Goodwin, head football coach said. "He is a picture of health and is physically the strongest player on the team," Goodwin added.

During the NSU - Boise State game, Loggins dominated the offense with his hard, knockdown hits and fast, unforgiving blows. He picked-off an interception with the aid of Junior linebacker, Derrick Fields.



Loggins

"I like to stay in shape for myself and for the team. I also concentrate on running at each practice to keep my strength and speed," Loggins said.

Loggins said they had a laid-back practice yesterday in order to regroup for the up-coming game this weekend against Northeast. Everyone was a little sore and battle-scarred, but they would be ready to "rock-n-roll" for their Saturday contest, Loggins assured.

"We have a few injured players, but we are really pumped for the Northeast game, because it has been since 1980 Northwestern has held a 4-0 count," Loggins replied.

This years defense is young, but very impressive with its "swarm the ball" tactics Loggins complemented. The Demon defense stopped Boise twice just inside the one yard line, last week. The defense will keep steady pressure on the offense of any team, they have been working on key elements such as tip-drills and goal line formations.

"All of our hard work drives us on whatever is going to happen is meant to be," Loggins exclaimed. "We have had more turn-overs and sacks than we have had in a long time, with our attack-style defense," Loggins added.

When asked how he came to reside at Northwestern, Loggins responded that he was split between the Demons and Stephen F. Austin. "I lived equal distance from both universities, but was looking for a change of scenery, so here I am," Loggins said. "It seems to get better all the time," he also added.

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The next stop for Northwestern is in Monroe were they will be taking on The Northeast Louisiana Indians on October, 5, so come out and take note of our great team defensively and offensively.

Women's Volleyball Team comes up short on road trip

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Lady Demon volleyball team had a tough week on the road as they lost two matches to Lamar and Grambling. In the Lamar match which they lost 3-0, the women played well although the scores did not show it.

Northwestern was in two of the three games they played, and lost 15-12 in both of them. The two teams played earlier in the season with the Demons, stretching Lamar to five games before losing at the Northwestern Volleyball Invitational.

On Friday, the Demons traveled to Grambling and lost 3-2 to drop their overall to 4-14.

"Even though we are losing, we are showing more improvement as a team," first year coach, Mary DeJute said. She also commented on the fact that the team needs a little more consistency during the games.

"It seems as though we will get one small run of three or four points in a game," DeJute added. "In volleyball, you need three or four runs of points to win games and matches."

Maggie Ehlers and Tiffany Cronin continue to lead the team, along with help from Amy Warren and Gretchen Hecht. Ehlers continues to be consistent, as shown in the Lamar game with four kills in nine attempts.

As a whole, the team does look and play better than last year's version and they will continue to improve as the year goes on.

The women will continue on their road trip this week as they travel to play Southwest Texas, Texas-San Antonio and Texas-Arlington. The Demons will try to stop a streak that began two years ago and win their first conference game.

The Demons will not return to the friendly confines of Prather Coliseum until Oct. 9, when they face Stephen F. Austin. Maybe by the time they get back, the team will have some conference wins under their belt and we will have something to cheer about.

Cross Country Team falls behind Tulane in Saturday's Invitational

Elizabeth Crump
Staff reporter

Due to bad weather conditions on Saturday, the women's cross country team was nosed out by Tulane for the team championship at the Popeye's Ragin' Cajun Cross Country Invitational.

"I was very pleased with the meet Saturday," women's coach, Bridget Cobb, said. "We were only 3 points behind Tulane which makes me feel good because they beat us bad last year."

Coming in first for NSU was freshman Molly Magill, finishing sixth in the meet. Magill ran a 19:06 with teammate Robin Meyers eighth at 19:12

"We had a great performance with Molly coming in first," Cobb added. "Robin did well pulling in behind Molly."

Freshman Christal Traylor came in 10th place at 19:30; Cynthia Munoz was Northwestern's fourth finisher, taking 14th in 19:40 and Julie Lessiter completed the scoring with 17th place at 19:49.

"Although we were beat by Tulane for the team title, we did beat LSU," Cobb said. "I'm confident that we will do well in the meet Saturday."

As for the men's cross country race last Saturday, Northwestern ran fifth in the nine team race with 169 points, led by Juan Londono's 18th-place finish in 22:29 over the four mile course.

"The men are making progress," men's head coach, Leon Johnson, said. "We ran without our top two runners, Robert McCormic and Todd Body, due to injuries."

According to Johnson, the injuries are minor, but he rather not add to the injures they already sustained. "We need to be at full strength Saturday", said Johnson.

Alumni plan tailgate party for NLU game

Angela Hennigan
Staff reporter

The Northwestern Alumni Association is sponsoring a tailgate party on Saturday prior to the Demon game. NSU will be traveling to Northeast Louisiana University to take on the NCAA Division I-A Indians.

ARAMARK will co-sponsor the event and will provide hot dogs and hamburgers to the tailgaters.

The tailgate party will be held from 3:00pm until 6:00pm by the Indian's Stadium. Purple and white banners will be hanging, so all will be able to find the party. Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs, one of Central Louisiana's hottest bands, will perform throughout the afternoon.

At 6:00, the Demon Marching Band and the Demon Varsity Cheerleaders will lead the crowd in a pep rally at the site of the party before heading to the game.

"It will be great to see the Demons take on Northeast," Bo Milton, NSU Alumni and former Demon football coach, said. "The Indians were one of our biggest rivals, so hopefully the team and the fans will be fired up."

The Alumni will also get a chance to meet NSU's new president, Dr. Randy Webb, and the new Athletic Director Greg Burke.

"I think it's great that NSU is sponsoring this," Kevin Brough, a sophomore from Pineville said. "Hopefully events like this, along with the fact that the Demons are winning, will help increase student involvement."

The Demons, who are 3-0 for the first time since 1980, took an impressive win over the Indians last year and are looking to do the same on Saturday night.

Women's Soccer suffer two losses on the road last weekend

Kristen Zulick
Staff reporter

Northwestern fell to 0-9 after two games this weekend.

On Saturday, the Demons faced Tulane. The Demons kept a competitive attitude and held on for a final score of 1-2.

Coach Mary Beth Forrest commented prior to the game that Tulane would be a "tough" match. "They have an automatic core structure, which we are developing now," said Forrest.

Sunday, NSU traveled to Mobile to play S. Alabama.

The Demons suffered a 9-0 loss.

Amy Price of USA put the first goal in at four minutes into the game , and the team scored four more times in the first half.

NSU's Jeantelle Duhon attempted the Demons' only shot on goal in the second half.

Last Tuesday, the women's soccer team played extremely well against second ranked Centenary. Even though they again suffered a loss, they fought hard to finish the game 2-1.

NSU sophomore, Amy Lambre, put the Demons on the scoreboard.

Coach Forrest said, "They showed great team effort. The whole team worked as a unit."

She feels that the team's greatest strength is their "youth". This quality should build a winning record for the Demons in the next couple of seasons. The team is young and will have the chance to grow together, on and off the field.

NSU is scheduled to play Stephen F. Austin at home on Wednesday at 4:00 and Mississippi State on Sunday at 1:30.

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Features

Band members spend summers entertaining music lovers

Kevin Brough
Contributing writer

For the past three summers, sleeping on gymnasium floors and working 12 to 15 hours a day was common place for two members of "The Spirit of Northwestern" Marching Band.

Don Hardin and Roderic Saunders have traveled over 15,000 miles by bus as members of Drum Corps International, a non-profit organization that uses drums and bugles to create a show of music and marching.

"I watched DCI finals as a kid and later joined the band," according to Hardin. "It is just something that has always interested me, so I made connections with other people who had been members of DCI to see how I could get involved."

In 1993, Hardin began performing with the Phantom Regiment of Rockford, Illinois, which was comprised of 128 musicians from around the country.

"We work for two weeks from 7 a.m. until 10 or 11 at night putting together the show, learning drills and how to put music with it," Hardin said of Rockford. "Then we go on tour, where we perform six shows a week."

In the three years Hardin has participated in DCI, the tour has taken him through the states of Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan.

This summer, the Phantom Regiment tied for first in the DCI finals and captured Best Horn Line Award and Best General Effect.

"It is a lot of hard work, but the fun outweighs that. It has taught me that if you want anything in life, you have to work for it," according to Hardin. "It has also taught discipline and opened my eyes to different music and marching styles."

Roderic Saunders, an alumni member of the Phantom Regiment, also remembers those championship summers.

The 22-year old music major, in 1994, was a member of the award winning Phantom Regiment when they placed third in the nation. In 1995, the regiment placed fifth and Saunders won a personal award for best drum major.

This year, however, Roderic's age made him ineligible to march. As a result, he returned to Rockford as a tour guide.

"I just wanted to make sure the members were taken care of," Saunders stated.

Roderic's duties as a tour guide included making sure the members were housed properly, fed properly and that there were practice fields available on the tour stops.

"My role as tour director taught me so much about management. You have to work as a team to make it flow."

According to Saunders, The Phantom Regiment was like a family to him, looking at the members as brothers and sisters. It was those brothers and sisters, many from different cultures, who brought Saunders to the realization that DCI is not all about marching and playing, but about being human and accepting all types of people for who they are.

Roderic plans to further his career in music and obtain his masters degree in conducting, and go on to be a symphony conductor. However, the idea of one day becoming a Corp Director with the Phantom Regiment does not sound half bad either.

Student talks about experiences in former Soviet Union

Jeremy Ekberg
Staff reporter

"It's easy compared to Russia," a transfer student and former missionary said when asked how he was adjusting to life at Northwestern. "I can eat anything and sleep anywhere."

Toby Stevens, of Alexandria, is new to NSU even though he is a world traveler and an English teacher. Stevens was one of fifteen missionaries who went to Belarus, part of the former Soviet Union, last year in an attempt to teach children bible studies and other subjects.

"It was an underground school because the government outlawed any teachings other than Russian Orthodox Catholic." Stevens said.

The missionaries were invited by the Belorussian government to teach; however, the teaching jobs were a cover-up for their missionary work.

Stevens, along with the other teachers, was never caught for any illegal teachings, even though his phone was tapped the entire six months he was in Russia. "They probably would have just kicked us out of the country." he said.

Among other problems the group faced was an inability to leave the country after their time there was over.

Getting a visa to enter Belarus was no problem, he explained, but in order to leave you must have a different visa, one that cost almost $100. Finally after several failed attempts to get one the U.S. embassy sold the visas for $6 each.

Although it was an unforgettable experience, Stevens said that he would not want to relive it, partly because of the harsh lifestyle and political and cultural shock he experienced.

"Everything is run by the Mafia," He said. "Probably 90 percent of the kids in our school were Mafia kids."

Despite all this, he said that there were many rewarding things about the mission. They included a chance to workout with the Belorussian weightlifting champion, befriending the Nigerian martial arts champ, who was in Russia getting a Ph.D.., and working with children.

Stevens cited the latter as the most rewarding. "There were some kids there that we really impacted." he said. The 10 to 12-year-olds the group taught had never had any adults pay them any attention, according to Stevens. The missionaries were the first.

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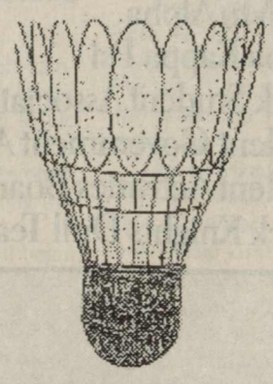
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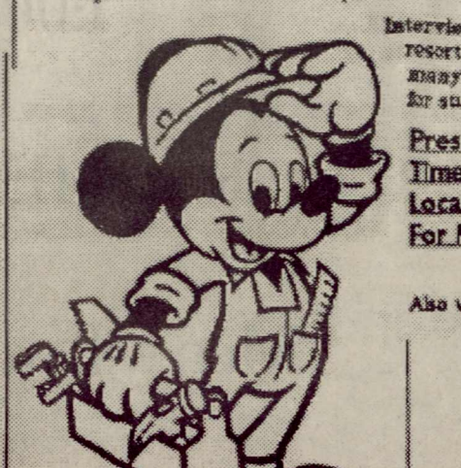
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6:10 - 6:15 Current Sauce
6:15 - 6:20 Greek Council
6:20 - 6:25 Interfraternity Council
6:25 - 6:30 Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
6:35 - 6:40 Alpha Kappa Alpha
6:40 - 6:45 Zeta Phi Beta
6:45 - 6:50 Delta Sigma Theta
7:00 - 7:10 Phi Beta Sigma
7:10 - 7:15 Sigma Gamma Rho
7:15 - 7:20 Animal Health Technicians Association
7:20 - 7:25 Beta Gamma Psi
7:25 - 7:30 Phi Beta Lambda
7:30 - 7:35 Society for the Advancement of Management
7:35 - 7:40 Anthropological Society
7:40 - 7:45 Beta Beta Beta
7:45 - 7:50 Latter Day Saints Association
8:00 - 8:05 Northwestern Association Family and Consumer Sciences
8:05 - 8:10 Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Club
8:10 - 8:15 Kappa Omicron Nu
8:15 - 8:20 I. E. E. E.
8:20 - 8:25 BAACHUS/SPADA
8:25 - 8:30 Black Student Task Force
8:30 - 8:35 Circle K
8:35 - 8:40 College Democrats
8:40 - 8:45 College Republicans
8:45 - 8:50 College Libertarians
8:50 - 8:55 Flight Team
8:55 - 9:00 Purple Jackets

Wednesday, October 2

6:00 - 6:05 Council of Ye Revels
6:05 - 6:10 Order of Omega
6:10 - 6:15 Phi Mu
6:15 - 6:20 Sigma Sigma Sigma
6:20 - 6:25 Alpha Omicron Pi
6:25 - 6:30 Kappa Alpha
6:30 - 6:35 Kappa Sigma
6:35 - 6:40 Tau Kappa Epsilon
6:40 - 6:45 Theta Chi
6:45 - 6:50 Sigma Nu
7:00 - 7:10 Phi Mu Alpha
7:10 - 7:15 Kappa Kappa Psi
7:15 - 7:20 Black Student Association
7:20 - 7:25 Student Government Association
7:25 - 7:30 Student Activities Board
7:30 - 7:35 Black Knights Drill Team
7:35 - 7:40 Rifle Team
7:40 - 7:45 Swamp Demons
7:45 - 7:50 Music Educators National Conference
8:00 - 8:05 Phi Boota Roota
8:05 - 8:10 Sigma Alpha Iota
8:10 - 8:15 Baptist Student Union
8:15 - 8:20 Tau Beta Sigma
8:20 - 8:25 Argus
8:30 - 8:35 Council of Ye Revels
8:35 - 8:40 Catholic Student Organization
8:40 - 8:45 Student Theater Union at Northwestern
8:45 - 8:50 Wesley Westminster Foundation
8:50 - 8:55 Blue Key
8:55 - 9:00 Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Thursday, October 3

6:00 - 6:05 Gavel Club
6:05 - 6:10 Images
6:10 - 6:15 Inspirational Mass Choir
6:15 - 6:20 International Student Organization
6:20 - 6:25 Knights of the Round Table Chess Club
6:25 - 6:30 Non-Traditional Student Organization
6:30 - 6:35 Northwestern Amateur Radio Club
6:35 - 6:40 Kappa Mu Epsilon
6:40 - 6:45 National Association for Industrial Technology
6:45 - 6:50 Student Alumni Foundation
7:00 - 7:10 Bat Girls
7:10 - 7:15 Students for Choice
7:15 - 7:20 Student/Faculty Forum
7:20 - 7:25 Student Personnel Association
7:25 - 7:30 Toastmasters Club
7:30 - 7:35 Alpha Lambda Delta
7:35 - 7:40 Phi Eta Sigma
7:40 - 7:45 Phi Kappa Phi
7:45 - 7:50 Alpha Kappa Delta
8:00 - 8:05 Der Deutsche Klub
8:05 - 8:10 Indian Students & Faculty Association
8:10 - 8:15 Le Circle Francais
8:15 - 8:20 Los Amigos
8:20 - 8:25 Phi Alpha Theta
8:30 - 8:35 Pre-Law Society
8:35 - 8:40 Psi Chi
8:40 - 8:45 Psychology Club
8:45 - 8:50 PRSSA
8:50 - 8:55 Sigma Tau Delta
8:55 - 9:00 Social Work Club
9:00 - 9:05 Society of Professional Journalists
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Cross Country team places fifth in weekend invitational, see page 7

Natchitoches to welcome tourists during third annual Tour of Homes

Kevin Brough
Staff reporter

Historic properties in and around Natchitoches will open their doors this weekend for the Natchitoches Historic Foundation's third annual Tour of Homes.

This year's tour will include 19 historic properties, the oldest of which, the Wells House, dates back to 1776. Various other homes on the tour include the Cloutier Town House, circa 1835; the Fleur de Lis Inn, circa 1900; the Roque House, circa 1797 and this year's featured home, the Judge Porter House, which was established in 1912 among many others.

The Judge Porter House, located on Second St., was built in 1912 for $1500 using timber from the Blunt lodge hall. This home, surrounded by towering, live oaks, recently opened as a bed & breakfast.

In addition, this year's tour will see a new property added to its lineup. The Roque House, built in 1797 by a freed slave for his family, is entering its first year as a stop on the tour. Donated to the historic society this past year, this property, also known as the Mildred Hart Bailey Memorial Cane River Collection, will contain an extensive collection of original paintings and objects by Clementine Hunter, famed primitive artist and resident of the Cane River area.

Events of this years tour will include the Town Tour, the Cane River Plantation Tour and the Candlelight Tour.

The Town Tour will showcase the homes of the down-river planters, homes such as the Cloutier Town House, the Chaplin House, the Fleur de Lis Inn, the Prudhomme-Rouquier House, Tauzin Plantation, the Levy-East House and the Judge Porter House will be part of the Town Tour.

The Cane River Plantation Tour will include such grand homes as Magnolia Plantation, Atahoe Plantation, Beau Fort Plantation, the Badin-Roque House, the Jones House and Oakland Plantation, highlighting, according to a brochure distributed by the Natchitoches Historic Foundation, houses that are a tribute to the time when cotton was king and the Red River flowed through the land.

However, the highlight of the tour is the Candlelight Tour that only takes place on Saturday evening.

Many of the homes on the Candlelight Tour, all lining the northern section of Cane River, have never been opened to the general public.

These homes include the Dogwood Inn, the Wells House, Rose Lawn, Sompayrac-DeBlieux-Conlay House and Lambre-Gwinn House. For one night a year, the public can view the historic splendor of these extraordinary homes..

According to Steve Horton, co-chairman of the Tour of Homes and associate professor of Journalism, the annual tour attracts between 1500-2000 tourists to the Natchitoches area, which brings about a boost in the Natchitoches economy.

For the Natchitoches Historic Foundation, the tour brings in approximately $35,000 before expenses with a portion of the money going to the homeowners. The remaining funds are then used towards promoting preservation and education of the historic importance of the homes.

The time and effort that goes into making the Tour of Homes happen is tremendous. It is through the combined efforts of the Natchitoches Historic Foundation and devoted volunteers that this annual event is able to take place.

"Both students and faculty at Northwestern play key roles in helping with the tour," Horton said. Students and faculty help by showing homes, selling tickets for the tour and by acting as runners.

The tour begins Saturday, Oct. 12 and continues through Oct. 13, with the Candlelight Tour taking place on Saturday evening. For more information, call the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission at 1-800-259-1714 or Steve Horton at 357-5339.



The Dogwood Inn, owned by Business Professor Tom Oxner, will be one the houses on this year's Natchitoches Historic Foundation's annual Tour of Homes. The tour is expected to draw 1500 to 2000 visitors this weekend.

photo by Don Sepulvado

Complaints cause change in Roy Hall smoking policy

Benjamin Scroggs IV
Staff reporter

Recent changes in the Roy Hall smoking policy started September 30 designating new smoking areas to cause less discomfort among the students and faculty there.

Employees of Roy Hall accustomed to smoking by the building's front doors will now be required to smoke in back of the facility due to complaints from their peers.

The Council of Vice Presidents for: Business Affairs, Carl Jones; External Affairs, Jerry Pierce; University Affairs, John Winston; Student Affairs, Fred Fulton, and Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tom Burns; in their weekly Monday meeting, voted to reassign an area that would be more comfortable for students and faculty alike.

John Winston, Vice President of University Affairs, sympathizes with the health risk of smoking and expresses his concern with the challenge the individual and community face.

"It wasn't that we were stopping people from smoking, we were just telling them where," Winston said. "I used to smoke. Oooo Lord, I smoked for thirty years. It's a very — difficult habit to break."

As for those who crave nicotine to get through the day, Winston feels, "They are going to have to smoke. They don't have a choice".

Then there are those who feel smoking shouldn't exist.

"Cigarette butts, they threw them on the ground, made a mess, and wouldn't pick them up," Warren Massey, assistant director and computer programmer for Roy Hall, said. "I think we should make this a smoke free campus."

Regina Phillips, Roy Hall employee, shared some similar views.

"You have to walk through a cloud of smoke to get in (Roy Hall)," Phillips said. "The TEC looks awful with all the cigarette butts thrown all around." But Sandy Aymond, Secretary of the Computer Center, sums it all up in her two short sentences. "This is Natchitoches. We have to keep this place beautiful".

While the smoking policy has changed, some wonder if they can get help to change the habit themselves.

"There are no specific programs or peer groups for students with an addiction, but access to information and techniques are available at Northwestern's support service to break the addiction," Phyllis Simmons, of Student Support Services said.

Simmons also recommends contacting Shannon Wallhale, of the "Newman Group" counseling center on East and Fifth Street that handles group and individual help for those who are wanting it.

The center can be reached by phone at 356-7000 for more information.

Greek Week to be held week of Oct. 28; over 600 expected to participate

Jeremy Ekberg
Staff reporter

The over 600 Greeks on campus will soon participate in Greek Week, the annual week long salute to Greeks at Northwestern.

This week is organized in order to promote unity and fun among fraternity and sorority members.

This year's activities will begin on Oct. 28 and continue until Nov. 1 at various locations on campus.

Greek Week is sponsored by the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic, Order of Omega, and other organizations.

This year, Greek Week will cost about $2000, according to Kim Parker, Greek Week Chairperson.

> "If each person meets at least one new person from each Greek organization, then it will be a success..."
>
> Kim Parker

The money raised will cover all the various aspects of Greek Week activities, including Aramark's service and the invitations for the faculty breakfast, all the decorations for Greek Week, a DJ for the dance, concessions, equipment, and Greek Awards.

The sponsors for the week are the same as they have always been, but there are a couple of new ideas for this year, according to Parker. One is that Greek Week will be moved from the Spring semester to the Fall.

"Hopefully we'll get some more involvement....this is just a trial thing, we hope it goes over well." Parker said.

According to Parker, the main reason for the changes is to get more participation and to better promote the Greek system as a whole. Besides the dance and the parade, other scheduled activities include follies in the IM field, a treasure hunt with a $100 prize, a slide show, and the Greek awards.

One of the highlights of Gree k Week is the Order of Omega's recognition of the Greek Man and Woman of the year and any Greek who made a 3.5 or higher GPA in the spring.

When asked about the purpose of Greek Week, Parker cited unity and philanthropy as the major reasons. "The Greeks do a lot on this campus and in the community, and it's a way for us all to get together.", Parker said.

The philanthropy for the week is the Greek Carnival for the children of Natchitoches, to be held in the Student Union Ballroom.

Parker has many duties as the Order of Omega Greek Week Chairperson, including making reservations for all the rooms, supervising a committee, planning a budget for the week and holding weekly meetings. Parker also takes minutes of all the meetings and sends them to all Greek chapters because not every organization has sent delegates to her.

Greek Week, which is sponsored in part by a charge of $2 per member of each Greek organization, will have T-shirts made with the theme , "Greekfest 1996". The theme was voted on unanimously at the September 24 meeting.

Although Parker has not yet reaped the rewards of being Greek Week chair, she knows what the most rewarding thing about it will be.

"If each person meets at least one new person from each Greek organization, then it will be a success because that's what this is all about.," she said.

Large number of students participate in elections; run-offs to be held this week

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

Over 800 students helped pick this year's homecoming queen, homecoming court and SGA senators. This was a definite increase from past years when the number of voting students hovered between 600 and 800.

"This was a very good number," Alicia Thomas, SGA Vice President and Commissioner of Elections, said.

The SGA tried several new concepts during this election, including pre-election promotion and new poll hours.

"We got our senators to put out a lot more reminders about the elections and we opened a lot earlier this year," Thomas said. "We opened the polls at 7 a.m. and kept them open until 6 p.m. Usually, we open the polls at 8 a.m. and close them at 5 p.m."

Clear winners were chosen in all the elections except for Mr. and Miss NSU. These run-off elections will be held Wednesday in Iberville and Thursday in the Student Union.

Elizabeth Crump and Martha Hooper are the two choices for Miss NSU.

Crump was the 1995 Homecoming Queen, is a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, National Order of Omega and the Panhellenic Association.

Hooper is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Purple Jackets, National Order of Omega, Panhellenic Association, and member of the 1995 and 196 Homecoming Court.

The run-off choices for Mr. NSU are Carlton Downey and Omar Pearson.

Downey is the current SGA president, and member of the NSU Board of Directors, Kappa Alpha Order Fraternity, College Democrats and Louisiana Board of Trustees.

Pearson is treasurer of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and member of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineering.

The 1996 NSU Homecoming Queen is Kim Parker. Her court

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Accreditation team to arrive this week; Department of Journalism to be evaluated

Andrew Martin
Editor in Chief

The Journalism Department will be visited by an team of professional journalists and educators next week in response to the department's request for accreditation by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

This group will be interviewing faculty and staff, visiting classrooms and doing a thorough analysis of the journalism program to determine whether or not it meets the standards of accreditation set up by AEJMC.

"The team is going to judge our program based on 12 universal standards established by AEJMC," Dr. Ron McBride, head of the department of journalism, said. "The standards cover everything from minority and female involvement to faculty and facilities."

At this time last year, the journalism program began its accreditation process with a "self-study" process that culminated in a document summing up the current state of the department. The final draft of this "self-study" was mailed out to AEJMC and the three members of the evaluation team last month.

The team will arrive in Natchitoches this Saturday and will finish its evaluation on Wednesday, at which time they will present a review of the program to President Randall Webb.

"We are optimistic about our chances of getting accredited," McBride said. "We are as prepared as we can be and extremely strong in a lot of areas like faculty and facilities."

Accreditation of the department would benefit the University in several ways.

"Getting accredited is very important because it will put Northwestern in the top 25 percent of all journalism schools in the country," Tommy Whitehead, associate professor of journalism, said.

Students were also pleased at the prospect of being part of an

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Homecoming Activities

The "alumni back to campus" will be held during the annual Homecoming celebration Oct. 18-19. Homecoming activities will begin Friday, Oct. 18 with the annual Alumni Golf Tournament at the Robert Wilson, Sr. Recreational Complex beginning at 1 p.m. At 3 p.m., the Alumni and Foundation Board will meet in the President's Room of the Student Union. Friday's activities will conclude with a jambalaya dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Complex. On Saturday, the events begin with the 'N' Club Hall of Fame induction at 10 a.m. in the Athletic Fieldhouse.

Class of 1946 and All Alumni reunion

The class of 1946 reunion will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19 in the lobby of the Student Union along with the All Alumni Reception.

Theater in New York City

A six-day theater trip to New York City is being planned by Dr. Jack Wann, Artistic Director of the Theater Program. The trip package costs $820, excluding meals, and is available to NSU students, friends and relatives. The package includes round trip airfare from Shreveport, hotel stay in the heart of the theater district, ground transportation to and from the airport, theater tickets to five major shows, backstage visits and walking tours. Among choices for musicals are "Rent," "Once Upon a Mattress," "Chicago," "The King and I," and "Bring in Da Noise, Bring In Da Funk." Three straight or off-Broadway shows including "Cowgirls," "Master Class," "Skylight," and "Forbidden Broadway." For more information contact Wann at 357-6891.

"Keep Northwestern Beautiful"

Dr. Randall Webb has instituted the "Keep Northwestern Beautiful" campaign and has asked for the help of the University's fraternity's and sororities and other campus organizations including the SGA, ROTC and Presidential Ambassadors to keep the campus clean. The 13 Greek organizations will be responsible for keeping three areas clean -- parking lots near Sabine and Rapides dormitories and the Post Office. The organizations will go through their designated area at least once a week. The SGA will consider a request to purchase additional trash cans to be placed around campus.

LCTE Conference

The Louisiana Council of Teachers of English and the Louisiana Association for College Compostition will hold their annual joint conference Oct. 11-12 at the Hotel Bently in Alexandria. Registration fees of $75 include membership in either LCTE or LACC, a catered lunch at the conference and the conference workshops. For more information, contact assistant professor of English, Rocky Colavito, at 357-5586.

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accredited program.

"I think that its great that the program might become accredited," Buddy Wolfarth, general manager of KNWD, said. "We have a strong program here and I think that the students and the faculty who have worked hard to make it this strong deserve to get the nod from AEJMC."

The accreditation team consists of Dan Lattimore; chair of the journalism department at the University of Memphis, Erna Smith; chair of the journalism department at San Francisco State University, and Elliot Brack; associate publisher of the Gwinnett Extra, a six day a week zoned insert into copies of the Atlanta Journal and Constitution.

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includes Jennifer Aby, Susan Bramlett, Shannon Brown, Alyson Courtney, Amy Crews, Martha Hooper, Melissa Morgan, Angela Stills and Theresa Yousey.

They will be the representatives of NSU during all of the NSU homecoming activities.

NSU students also chose several SGA senators in last week's election.

Dan Helms, Andrew Kolb, Anne Labbe' and Stacy Michaels are the new senators-at-large; Luke Dowden and Kourtney Kentzel are the new sophomore senators and Angelique Duhon and Larry Ellis were elected freshmen senators.

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SGA President serving on Board of Trustees; first NSU student to serve in 14 years

Stacey Michaels
Staff reporter

For the first time in 14 years, a NSU student has been elected a full voting member of the University of Louisiana Board of Trustees. Carlton Downey, Student Government Association President, represents approximately 101,000 college students.

Downey, who was elected by his peers to the Board of Trustees, began his one year term this past September.

"I am truly honored to represent the 101,000 students in the University of Louisiana system," Downey said. "I feel very fortunate to be a part of a situation where I can learn much and help out NSU at the same time."

Downey is the college representative of the 10 University of Louisiana colleges for the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees meets once a month either in Baton Rouge or at one of the 10 college campuses.

According to Downey, the Board of Trustees is a management board that oversees the 10 colleges and votes on issues such as personnel changes, requests for money and degree offerings.

To better represent Louisiana students, Downey meets with a Student Advisory Committee, consisting of the other nine student government presidents, once every two months to obtain input and suggestions.

Dr. James A. Caillier, the University of Louisiana System President, is looking forward to working with Downey.

"Carlton is a bright, articulate individual who will follow the tradition of former student board members in maintaining a strong voice for our students," Caillier said. "I look forward to continuing a strong working relationship with him, and will assist him in addressing student needs and concerns in our system's institutions."

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Sauce reviewer travels to the "Big Easy" to check out Crowbar in concert

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

Life is good; I got to see CROWBAR perform Saturday night at Zeppelin's during the pre-tour warm up and conducted my second interview with the guys.

Life is bad; I got to see what is officially guitarist Matt Thomas' last performance with the band. He's leaving CROWBAR in order to pursue a career far away from the Hallowed Halls of Metaldom. (More about that in the interview).

At any rate, I guess what it comes down to is this: Life is really nothing more than what we make of it. So good luck to Matt and welcome aboard to the guy who's going to be taking over, Jay Abene, formerly of Wrathchild America.

Anyway, the guys are warming up to get ready for the Oct. 29 release date of their new disc, "Broken Glass."

I got to hear a good bit of it at the recording studio a few months ago, and I have to say that this is absolutely the most killer CROWBAR to date.

I love everything they've done up to this point, but the new disc is even better. (As a matter of fact, an advanced copy should be en route to me right now, and I hope to have a review of it in next week's "Sauce.")

The show started off with the band Deadbolt getting the crowd riled up and ready. Then CROWBAR took the stage and kicked off with a familiar old tune, "Self-Inflicted," and the crowd immediately went nuts.

It was easy to see that everybody in Zeppelin's that night was there for one reason only — to be utterly destroyed by the time the night was over.

From the striking of the very first chord, a horde of people started moshing and pounding their fists.

A few of the braver souls eventually made their way up to the stage so they could sing along with Kirk and, of course, get in an evening's worth of stage diving and crowd surfing. It was wild.

Most of the people there had been waiting quite some time to see CROWBAR, and they weren't about to let anything stop them from enjoying the evening's festivities. It was a free-for-all, and I enjoyed the hell out of it.



Crowbar in a live performance at Zeppelin's in New Orleans. From l to r: Matt Thomas, Todd Strange and Kirk Windstein. photo by lesa thompson

Everyone at the show was treated to a taste of the new CROWBAR material.

Kirk warned us that he'd have to use a cheat sheet for some of the lyrics, but nobody in the crowd seemed to mind. And if this audience's reaction to the new stuff is any indication whatsoever of the kind of reaction that "Broken Glass" is going to get, then I'm willing to bet that this is going the be album to put CROWBAR right straight over the top.

From what I could gather, everyone really got into the new stuff, but particularly the songs entitled "I Am Forever," "Burn Your World," and "Above, Below & In-Between." (Jeez, I can't wait for the new disc to get here!)

After a few more old and new tunes, CROWBAR closed the show with "All I Had (I Gave)." I've written this before, and I'm writing it again — Whenever CROWBAR plays that song, you know they really mean it.

I talked to a mass of people at the show that night, and absolutely nobody walked away disappointed.

As far as that goes, a few folks looked like they were having a hard time walking away at all (which, I'm willing to bet, is probably related in part to all the stage diving that went on).

High energy and a good time abounded for all. My words of wisdom — Don't ever miss the chance to experience CROWBAR when they head your way.

Oh yeah, I really need to take a second to thank a few people who helped make my presence at the show possible: The King and Mike, Big Sean and Jimmy, Angie Thompson, and of course, all the members of CROWBAR — but especially Kirk Windstein for always Embracing Emptiness.

Ya'll Rule!

First Wives Club rates well despite being a "chick flick"

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

If you're in the mood to laugh, cry and shout(especially if you're a woman) try the "First Wives Club." It's an undeniable "chick flick," with all the trimmings.

Dysfunctional families, marriages gone bad, mid-life crises, and a group of four college best friends who drift apart, provide the tears. Add overbearing relatives, a few bimbo girlfriends and loads of money, and you have instant laughs.

When a friend's funeral brings Elise (Goldie Hawn), Annie (Diane Keaton) and Brenda (Bette Midler) back together again, they make up for lost years and eventually come up with a plan to take charge of their lives.

Elise is an out-of-work actress whose husband leaves her after she helped make him a successful producer. She tries to handle her problems with lots of plastic surgery and even more alcohol.

Annie is the "sweet one" who tries to fix everyone else's problems while her life falls apart. She refuses to admit that her 25 year marriage is probably over and has a hard time breaking away from her opinionated mother.

Brenda's husband left her with a teenage son and bills to pay, for Shelly (Sarah Jessica Parker), a young bimbo whose main desire is to become part of society's elite.

When these three women decide to get their own kind of justice, their ex-husbands have no idea what hit them. These ladies get mob bosses, socialites, interior decorators and their children involved in a scheme that makes "Mission Impossible" look easy.

Although Midler is a major character, don't expect her to sing you through the movie's plot. The only musical scene in the movie, is the last one, where Hawn, Keaton and Midler relive one of their college days.

Instead of songs, listen for the well-written one-liners sprinkled throughout the movie, like "Don't get even- get it all."

This movie also has some very familiar cast members and cameo roles. Look for appearances by some of Hollywood's most famous wives, Ivana Trump and Kathie Lee Gifford, and women's activists.

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Features

Crowbar takes time out to talk about their new cd and upcoming tour

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

Recently, Current Sauce staff reporter and heavy metal afficionado lesa thompson managed to get an interview with the band Crowbar. The band is getting ready to release a new CD and start an American tour. Check out what vocalist Kirk Windstein, guitarist Matt Thomas, videogrpaher Mike Savoie and Alabaster Hodge they had to say...

LT: Why is Matt leaving CROWBAR after attaining this level of success?

KW: Simple as can be — He's taking over his wife's family business in Oklahoma, a car business. He's into cars, and this is going to be a real good opportunity for the future. There's no hard feelings. The situation he's got is that if he doesn't take it now, it won't be there for him and he'd be stupid not to take it.

LT: How does it feel knowing that this is the last time he'll be on stage with you?

KW: I wish he would stay in the band, but he's not, so there's nothing we can do about it. But it's not like we're making a big issue of it. I mean, it's just a show, and we've played a bunch of shows together. The situation he's got is good for him and it would be really tough for him to try to do both because he wouldn't be able to be dedicated to the band. If you can't really be dedicated to it, it's foolish to do it.

MT: It's not like the band's breaking up or something. I mean, that would be different. But it's no big deal — everybody knows why I gotta go. It's not like we're not friends anymore or I'm quitting because I'm mad. It's no problem like that at all. My wife's family needs me to go work their business for them, and they need me now. They gave me a killer opportunity to do it, and that opportunity won't be there in the future. I had a long, successful music career, or at least I see it as successful. I've been doing this for about 14 years, and I'm real proud of what I've done. It's time to let somebody else have fun for a while.

LT: Do you ever sit down and think that any minute now CROWBAR could be selling out arenas worldwide?

MT: I hope so. When that happens, I'm gonna come visit, have a beer and enjoy the show.

LT: What about regrets later on?

MT: No regrets at all. I hope they do great. I hope they make 10 platinum records in a row. I wouldn't go, 'Aw, damn, I shouldn't have quit.' I'm old enough and been around enough to know that that's very likely and possible, but hey, I gotta move on. Plus, I don't enjoy it like I once did, the traveling and stuff. Writing songs and the studio stuff is great. But the traveling gets a little old and wears you down. After all these years, it's wearing me down, I think.



Lesa Thompson talks to Matt Thomas of Crowbar during a recent interview

LT: But ya'll are getting Jay Abene that used to be in Wrathchild America, right?

KW: Yeah.

LT: The new disc (Broken Glass) is already recorded and ready to go, so Matt's leaving obviously won't have any effect on it. But what about the future sound of CROWBAR?

KW: It won't be any different. I've already talked with Jay and he likes to write a lot of stuff anyway, which is fine — I'm not an egomaniac or anything. So if it sounds like something that we can twist and make sound like CROWBAR, that's fine. But if not, then we won't be able to use it. But he's really into what we're doing a lot. I mean, we've known him for years and years. He's the logical choice. We called him about doing it and he said he'd love to. He came down, we jammed, with him and it went real well. Jay's been into it for a long, long time, 15 years, so he knows what the whole game is about. He's probably a lot more into than Matt is at this point.

LT: What are the tour plans looking like right now?

KW: We're doing an American tour for about five and a half weeks that'll end right before the holidays. Then we go to Europe with Pantera for January and February and it's back to America to tour some more.

LT: Who's the American tour going to be with?

KW: We will be headlining in clubs, this band Overdose and Bile.

LT: Do you think you could ever do something other than CROWBAR, like a normal kind of job?

KW: One day, but I'm just into music; I gotta play. I really do like it and I always need to have something going on. I'd want to do something else for sure, the business end of it or whatever. I mean, this is the only business I know really good enough to do.

LT: You could always sell life insurance.

KW: Nah, I ain't into all of that, just music. Realistically, I couldn't see myself doing anything else.

LT: How's the home video coming along?

MT: I wish I knew! I've been in Oklahoma and I haven't seen it yet.

MS: We've got you in women's clothes.

MT: Uh-uh. When did ya'll do that?

MS: We got you one night when you were passed out.

LT: When will it be ready?

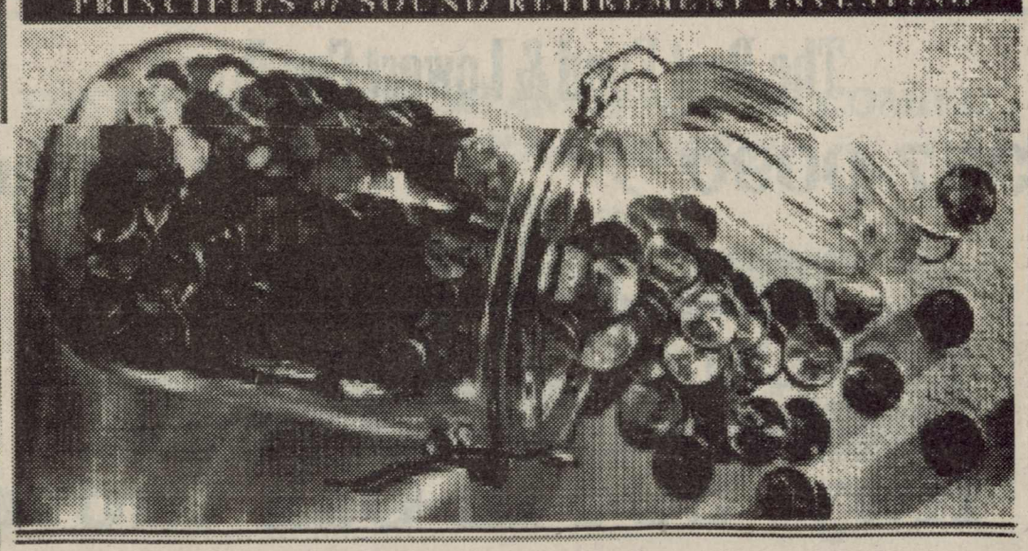
AH: It'll be ready between now and November. We're about 90 percent finished with it, and it's some of the craziest stuff on earth. It's footage that I had from when CROWBAR started as the Slugs back in 89, up until the present. Basically, it's stuff [from myself], Mike Savoie and Steve Joseph, their tour manager. We're going through about 40 video tapes that are full of crap and taking clips off of everything, all in chronological order. It's funny as s—t, and I think people will dig on it. There's definitely a lot of general nudity in it and a lot of drinking. It's called "Like Broken Video." It'll be all the videos that they've done so far. The only video that won't be on there is Subversion. At the end, there's a video for Existence is Punishment, which has not been seen before. But mostly it's tour footage, drinking, asses, farts, everything. It shows you a side of the band that you would never see. It's hilarious. And Todd's naked in it, too.

MS: All the videos I've ever done, I always look at and say, 'I wish I would have done this different or that different.' But the home video's just incredible. It covers everything.

LT: How available will it be?

KW: As available as possible. We're gonna try to get it where everybody can get a copy. If we have it in the fan club and available at every show, then I think everybody can get it, no matter what country we're even in. I'm excited about it.

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WEEKEND LOSS OPENS DOOR FOR A REKINDLED RIVALRY

The football team had started off the season with a series of wins against teams that stunned a lot of people. Many students, alumni, faculty and friends had little faith in this Demon football squad, but hey, they were wrong.

We've enjoyed the surprise win over Southern and sent thousands of Jaguar fans home with their tails between their legs. Texas A&M Commerce showed up and got the same treatment. We even went all the way to potato country and embarrassed the Boise State Broncos on their home field.

But last weekend Northwestern had no such luck. If there was a game that would've been great for the Demons to win, it would've been against Northeast.

Demon fans traveled to NLU, armed only with their school spirit, "Silly String," and bragging rights. These fans made the perfect picture of what college football should be about. Fans are supposed to come out and support their team at all cost. While some Northeast fans left when their team was behind, NSU fans were loyal and refused to give in until the last second, even when the scoreboard turned against them. This says a lot about our undying love for our team, unlike the others, who turned away all too soon in shame and defeat.

"But this potential rivalry with NLU, a university in a town so boring that most people refer to it rather sarcastically as 'Funroe,' is a golden opportunity for Northwestern to get excited about something."

There are rumors that poor officiating might have been the Achilles Heel for the underdog Demons, but we won't discuss that here. What it boils down to is that we, as a school, got so close to beating NLU that it hurt. We will not let this defeat discourage or torment us, it will only make us stronger.

But what we have now, besides being ranked No. 19 nationally and a 3-1 record, is a chance for our school to renew a rivalry that has been overlooked in recent years. There used to be the State Fair Game between us and Louisiana Tech, but that died out when Tech decided that they were good enough to play in Division I-A. And we've seen what has happened to their record since then (not a very smart move).

But this potential rivalry with NLU, a university in a town so boring that most people refer to it rather sarcastically as "Funroe," is a golden opportunity for Northwestern to get excited about something. We should look forward to next year's game with a gleam in our eyes and be prepared to stomp a mudhole in NLU.

With any luck we'll take NLU to the limit with our ongoing pride and determination. If we play our cards right the NLU game will send us in an uproaring football frenzy, that will keep attentions focused on being number one, not only against the Indians, but against all of our competition.

With our our Demon pride we will push on, supporting our team, and in turn they will not let us down no matter what the final outcome is. For they play football with reverence and great dignity keeping our spirits at an all-time high, so we will, we must, show them our never ending support.

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Lack of MTV on local cable saddens, frustrates columnist

THE GOSPEL OF JEFF

Jeff Burkett

Welcome to wonderful historic Natchitoches. Home of the Northwestern State University Demons and the famous Christmas lights celebration, the setting for the famous movie *Steel Magnolias*, and the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase.

By the way, did we tell you, we don't have Mtv?

"What? No Mtv?" That question has been heard around this campus more times than Mayor Joe has slapped those "I Love Natchitoches" stickers on people.

This town claims to be sooooo old, yet soooo modern. Sooooo why in the hell can't we, the paying cable subscribers and everyone else who watches the idiot box at least thirty seconds a day, get OUR dose of Mtv?

Since I have been pursuing my higher education here for many years now, and wasted many hours grasping the remote searching through the UHF and VHF for decent programming (which there is very little), I decided to go to the source of the NO MTV god, and ask one simple question...Why?

I strutted into the cable office, my monthly bill and my anorexic checkbook were tucked firmly under my arm, and I thought I looked like I meant business.

After paying an outrageous fee, for which I saw absolutely nothing, I calmly asked the woman who was clearing my account, "Uh...Why is there no Mtv?"

I knew immediately that she had heard this question a billion times before by the way her eyes rolled back, and her greeting smile quickly turned into a snarl.

Quickly she began to recite what seemed to be a sentence that had been branded on her forehead for her to remember for the rest of eternity. I didn't hear anything, because she was telling it not to me, but to her computer. And I knew somewhere on the screen which showed my account, on the computer that she was talking to, I got the mark.

You know, the mark of a trouble maker. The mark showing I was a free thinker in this town. The mark of the Mtv asker!!

I left as quickly as I had entered, I was sweating from the confrontation and dropped what was left of my bill and quickly ran to the safety of my car; all without the answer that I had been seeking.

The only thing I remembered from the cable worker's garbled speech was that it was spinning in my head. It didn't make any sense. All I was able to decipher was that the old people in town get their Depends in a knot whenever Mtv is mentioned; and, when it is time to add new channels to the lineup, and local subscribers are polled about what they would like to see increase their bill, Mtv is never among the "most popular".

I was confused, cold, and stumbling around like a newborn college freshman. Why would the locals not want Mtv? It brings music, fashion, culture, sex, and Beavis and Butthead into your home.

When I was suffering through my youth in Ohio we had Mtv. It came into my life in the early 1980's....YES I SAID THE 80'S. And here we are in "nakatrash", sixteen years after the debut of this wonderful world of music television, and it's still not available.

I guess since I'm going to be outta here soon, I should just let it go. Just give up my right for good quality television entertainment. Let someone else worry about it.

I'll just go on surfing the big 40, looking for something to ease me into my nightly slumber, and staying away from the screaming, singing, jumping, twitching church lady on local access.

National Coming Out Day gets recognition from student

GUEST COLUMNIST

Hank Cannon

October 11 is National Coming Out Day. National Coming Out Day is the day that groups of gay people nationwide make the decision to live an open life and let people know exactly who and what they are.

It is supposed to be a time of unity when we make it a point to let people know who we are.

This column is not about homosexual marriage, gays in the military, or any of the political buzzwords that are being bandied about to throw scores of Americans into a fear of how "queerdom" is making its hellish drive to destroy the family. That is the purview of political fearmongers.

This is about an issue that many people (especially college students) have to face, and they have to face it alone by coming out to themselves.

Being gay or bisexual is neither a death sentence nor a symbol of some type of deep spiritual corruption. It is a different way of loving that has been around as long as heterosexuality, and is just as valid.

I could digress into an argument over religious and political precepts, but I am not writing this to validate the gay/bisexual lifestyle to the "straight" world. This is about the internal turmoil that exists in young gay/bisexual people and the love that they need to have for themselves in order to survive in an essentially hostile world.

There is life after realizing that you are gay, without classifying yourself into a "genre" of homosexuality .

There is nothing inherently feminine about being a gay male, or masculine if one is lesbian , despite how the majority of homosexuals are presented on television and in movies.

Feminine men are seen as ineffectual people who serve as comic relief. Butch lesbians scare heterosexuals, while feminine ones conjure odd sexual fantasies in heterosexual men.

When the thought "am I gay?" enters someone's mind, the first things they think about are the stereotypes. Those stereotypes are scary if they are all you know.

Hell, when my parents found out, they swore up and down that I had a better wardrobe than my mother and sisters combined, that I walked with a twitch and a lisp when they weren't around, and mastered the art of walking in heels. For those of you who know me, I am definitely NOT any of these things; and after doing "Something To Dance About," last spring, you could not pay me to wear women's clothes.

Being gay or bisexual does not require a metamorphosis into something you're not. You are the same person that you have always known, except you are realizing something new about yourself or you are dealing with old feelings that were repressed and sublimated because of a need to fit in.

At this point in your life, you have to ask "how can I fit in with others when I cannot even fit in with myself?" Personally, I understand the need to keep your orientation a secret from those around you, (although there are some activists who would vehemently disagree) but you should not be untrue to yourself.

So, on National Coming Out Day, if you are gay/bisexual and you are comfortable with it, tell someone if you want to (choose very carefully); but to those who are dealing with accepting yourself, go to the mirror and tell that person, "I am gay and I am the same person I always was."

Letters to the Editor

Grafitti on campus draws criticism from tired student and janitors alike

Dear Editor

It's 9 p.m. Friday, and I'm working late in the *Sauce* office. Yeah, I know, what a way to spend the weekend. Anyway, I just went downstairs to get something, and one of the janitorial ladies asked me if I could address an issue on behalf of the janitors with my fellow students. We all know what an agreeable individual I am so, of course, I told her I'd would. Here it is:

If you're old enough to attend college, then you're old enough to practice a little restraint and common sense in not writing on everything than you can possibly take a pen or pencil to. This includes bathroom walls, desk tops, tabletops, chairs, crippled puppies or anything else that may not be fast enough to get out of your way.

In the words of the aforementioned janitor, "That's a lot of work, scrubbing ink off them elevator walls!" Granted, she gets paid to clean, but let's be reasonable--she doesn't get paid to clean the grafitti scribbled to hell and back by people who can't seem to find anything better to do.

If you want to draw, that's great--buy yourself a sketchpad. Want to voice your opinion on an issue? Lovely. There's a space every week for a Letter to the Editor right here in the Sauce.

And by the way, if you are one of those people who wrote on something and find yourself offended by anything contained herein--good. I'm tired and don't care.

lesa thompson

Student voices disapproval of columnist's comments involving premarital sex

Dear Editor

I was appalled by an article in your September 17, 1996 edition by Jeff Burkett, The Gospel of Jeff. After reading that article, if I had a daughter living in the dorms on campus, I would have immediately removed her.

What appalls me is that your paper would print an article that appears not only to condone the conduct, but actually encourages the participants to "go out and enjoy." Your paper seems to be making a mockery out of the sanctity of marriage when you encourage our children to have sex out of wedlock.

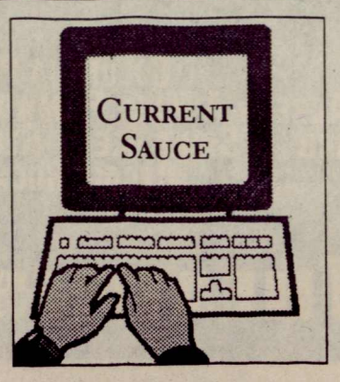
If you recall, most wedding vows refer to marriage as a "Holy Matrimony in sight of God." If God considers it to be holy, then I believe that he did not intend for it to be defiled by adultery either before or during marriage.

I think that it is Jeff's type of journalism that helps to contribute to the moral delinquency of our nation as a whole. If Jeff wants to print the gospel, I think that he needs to read the gospel of Christ.

I'm not knocking Jeff's religious belief. I think that he should consider the impact of his writing before he prints it.

Arron D. Lance

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Campus Connections

College Republicans
We will hold a meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. in room 321 of the Student Union. Jimmy Long Jr., a candidate for district judge, will be speaking. All attending are asked to bring a canned good.

Panhellenic
The skating party with Alpha Omicron Pie, Phi Mu and Tri Sigma will be held Oct. 13 at 8:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Skating Rink.

Phi Mu
Panhellenic skating party will be held on Oct. 13 at 8:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Skating Rink. The faculty breakfast is Thursday from 7-10 a.m. If you signed up to work at the Old Courthouse Museum Saturday please attend at your assigned time and wear a letter shirt. Composites will be taken at the house Thursday and Friday.

Phi Beta Lambda
We are accepting new members. To be eligible you must have a 2.0 and an interest in business. For more information contact Cheryl or Dr. Creighton in the business building in room 107A. The next meeting will be held in room 102 of the Business building at noon. All attending the Baton Rouge State Leadership Conference must be in the business parking lot by 1:00 on Oct. 11.

Beta Gamma Psi
We are accepting membership for the fall semester. You must have a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.0 GPA in accounting. Prospective members must have also completed six hours of accounting. For more information contact Dr. Handlang in the business department in room 113D or at 357-5709.

Freshman Connection
Applications are now available for Freshman Connectors for 1997. You may pick up the applications at the New Student Programs in room 103 of the Student Union. Applications are due back by Monday, Oct. 14. Twenty positions will be available. The qualifications are a 2.5 GPA, 30 credit hours, effective oral communication skills, desire to assist new students and knowledge of University rules, regulations and activities.

Students Helping Students - Peer Advisors
Applications are still available for Students Helping Students for Spring Orientation 1997. You may pick up the applications at New Student Programs in Room 103 of the Student Union. Applications are due back no later than Friday, Oct. 11. Interviews for these positions will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 16 beginning at 1 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union.

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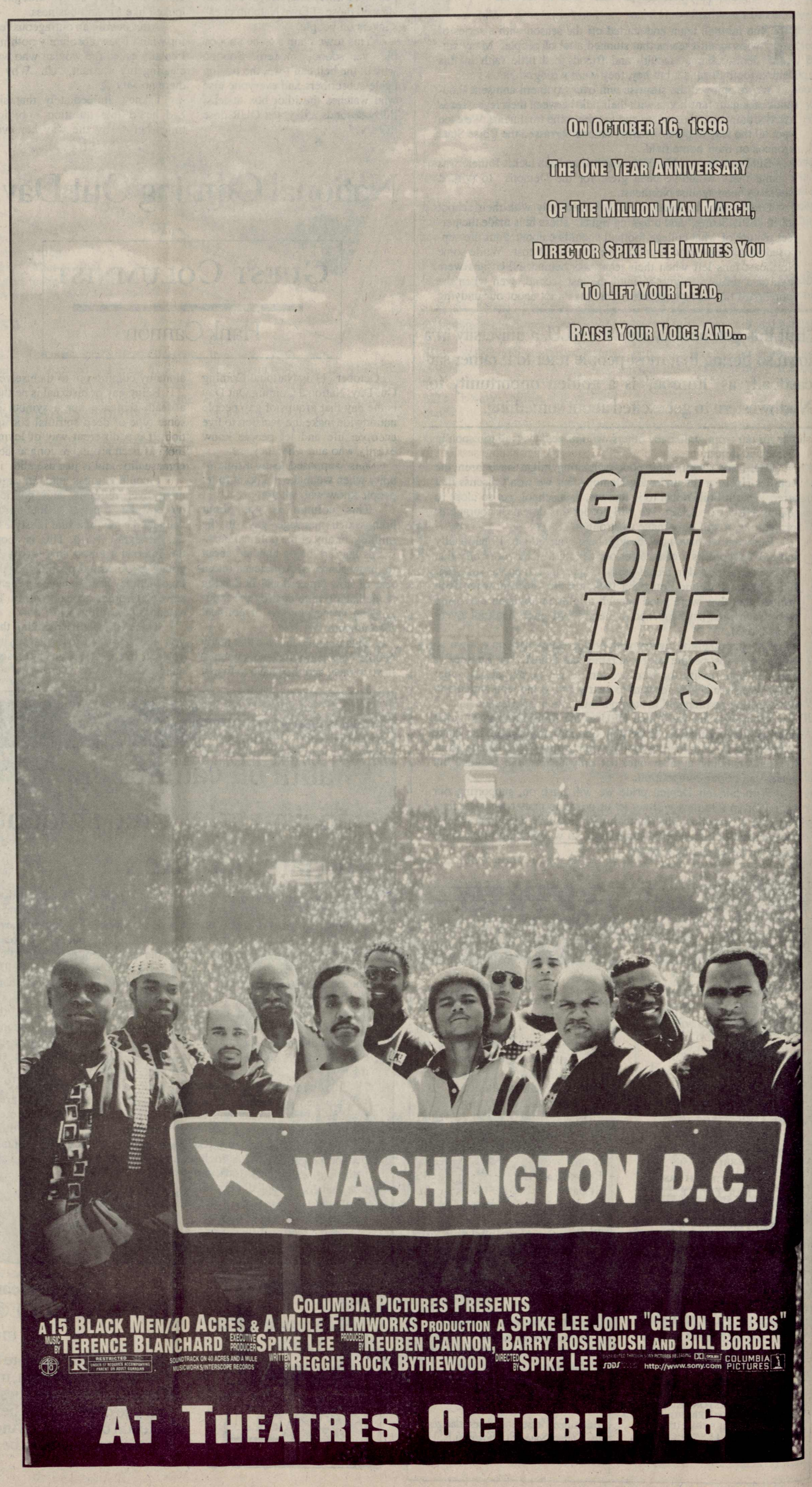
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Sports

Demons lose to Northeast, 13-10

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Northwestern football team lost 13-10 to Northeast La. in a game that was stolen from the Demons by the officials.

The Demons played an excellent 58:47 of the 60 minute game, but were denied victory by two calls by the officials at the end of the game.

The first bad call came on the opening play of the game when Warren Patterson threw a bomb to Pat Palmer who was interfered with by the Northeast defender and there was no flag on the play.

The bad calls continued throughout the game, but the Demons were winning 10-7 due to a Patterson 27 yard run and a 22 yard field goal by Eric Collins.

Then disaster struck in the form of a zebra showing his stripes. With fourth down and a short yard to go on the Northeast 28 yard line, and 1:07 left in the game with Northeast out of time-outs, Coach Goodwin elected to go for the first down.

The officials had other ideas, however, as it appeared that tailback Anthony Williams had the first down on forward progress on the spot. The officiating crew saw this differently, and gave the Demons a horrible spot and the ball over on downs to Northeast.

Northeast then proceeded to drive down to our 10 yard line with 25 seconds left, and the second horrific call occurred when Keith Thibodeaux and Joe Maranto were called for pass interference on what should have been a no call by the referees.

So instead of fourth down and goal from the ten, Northeast had it first and goal on our two yard line. Two plays later, the Demons fate was sealed as quarterback Robert Philyaw threw a perfect pass to Marty Booker for the Northeast winning touchdown with 15 seconds left in the game.

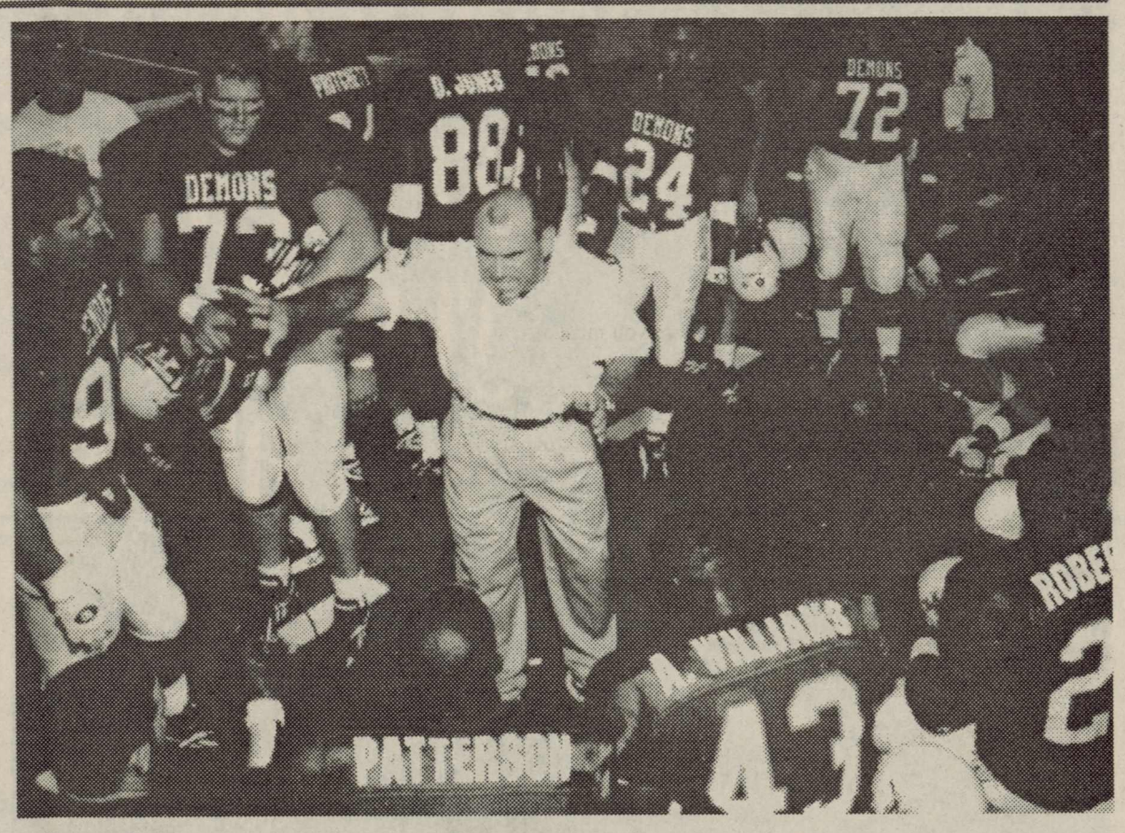
Coach Goodwin was crushed after the game. "This game is one of the toughest losses I have been associated with. It ranks right up there with the Hail Mary loss to Northeast in 1987," Goodwin said.

Goodwin was a little irate at the officials after the game, but he was not second guessing his call to go for it on the fourth down.

"Our defense had been playing good all night and I thought that, even if we did not get the first down ,that we would be able to hold them," Goodwin added.

However, missed tackles and the officiating did the Demons in as they fall to 3-1 on the season.

The Demons go on the road again next week, for their first Southland Conference game against Nicholls State in Thibodaux. Demon fans hope that they will not let this loss bother them and will bounce back to beat Nicholls for the sixth straight time.



Coach Goodwin reviews strategies with the Demons photo by Tatum Lyles

Athlete of the Week: Freshman Robert McCormack

Philip Wise
Staff reporter

Running with overwhelming odds, Robert McCormack finished 10th in the cross-country invitational meet hosted by Northwestern this past Saturday.

McCormack, freshman from Ireland, finished 10th place out of 73 runners. The freshman was battling the flu throughout the meet. The course distance equaled five grueling miles at the Northwestern Recreational Complex, but this was not enough to keep the young Irishman down.

"He didn't run quite as well as we hoped he would. The flu made it hard for him to prepare the week before the meet," Leon Johnson, Men's Athletic Track Coach said.

Finishing 10th with a time of 26 minutes 13 seconds is impressive with or without the flu. Through his diligence he has earned the All Louisiana Cross-country title, because of placing within the top ten. "Robert is an outstanding young man with a lot of desire to be the best," Johnson added.

"I started the race with just the plan to finish, but I did better than I had expected," McCormack said. "I was very weak with no energy, because of my illness. After about 200 meters I wanted to drop out of the race, but I keep pushing ahead, McCormack added.

A typical training session for McCormack consists running up to 60 miles a week and training with weights to keep him in the best possible shape. For the Saturday meet he started his training off on last Sunday with a 12 mile run, Monday was his day off, Tuesday he ran eight 1000 meters and he was off, due to illness, the rest of the week. "I was not prepared for the race, but I ran it anyway. I was very surprised and please to finish at all much less in the tenth spot," McCormack said.

Northwestern scholarshiped 19 year old McCormack this year for his running ability.

He completed Crescent College Comprehensive High School in his home town of Limerick Ireland. McCormack has been running for seven years in many races all over his home area.

McCormack has only been in the United States for seven weeks, when asked how he like the change he said," I love it here, the weather is great, compared to 45 degrees and rainy back home." In the few weeks he has been here he has competed in three out of the four track meets that were held.

The main focus of McCormack now is a conference that will be held in four weeks. "I would like to place in the top six of the meet. This meet is like the "Super Bowl" of cross-country events," McCormack expressed. McCormack also added, "I would like to express my thanks to Tim Roses, who helps us train."

Come rain sleet or the flu Robert McCormack will be running for the Demon's cross-country team. Look for his performance to increase greatly, because he is recovering from his illness.

Volleyball team has a tough time on Texas road trip

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Northwestern Lady Demon volleyball team had a tough week on the road, playing three matches on their Texas road trip. The first match was in San Marcos with Southwest Texas. The women played hard but were defeated 3-0 in this conference matchup. The women then moved on to San Antonio to play Texas-San Antonio. Again, the women played hard but they were denied victory by the same 3-0 count. The quest for their first conference win of the season continued in Texas as they played Texas Arlington. The women played well and even led one game at one point by 11-0, but mental and physical errors again prevented the women from securing their first conference win as they lost by the same 3-0 count.

After this long road trip and one more away game at Northeast Louisiana, the women will finally have two home games this week with Stephen F. Austin on Wednesday and Sam Houston on Friday. Come out to Prather Coliseum on these dates and help cheer the women on to two conference wins.

Northwestern hosts Cross-Country Invitational

Tim Long
Staff reporter

This weekend Northwestern hosted the third annual Louisiana Collegiate Cross Country championships at the Demon Hills Golf Course. Teams from USL, Loyola, Nicholls, Tulane, Grambling, McNeese, Southeastern, Northeast, Louisiana Tech and Centenary participated in the event.

The men's 8000 meters was won by Nicholls, and Trevor Foolkes of McNeese was the individual winner. Foolkes, who has won his last four races, finished with a record time of 25:04.

The Northwestern men finished fifth.

" I could have finished higher, had I not been sick the week before," said Robert McCormak, Northwestern's top 10 runner.

"Our men have had some injuries but were capable of running better," Coach Leon Johnson said. "I'm sure we will next week."

The women's 5000 meters was won by Tulane with Alison Lamberts setting a record time of 18:25. The Lady Demons finished in a tie for second with three top 20 runners; Molly Magill, Robin Myers and Jody Gowdy.

"I am very pleased. We gave all we had," Coach Bridget Cobb said. "I know in the future we are only going to improve. We are right where we want to be."

The awards presentation was held at Iberville Cafeteria.

"This has been the most competitive race we've had in three years," Johnson said.

This week both teams travel to LSU to compete in another meet. Northwestern will hold the next conference championships November. 5.



Northwestern Men's Cross-Country place fifth in invitational Saturday file photo

October busy month for Recreational Sports Department

Angela Hennigan
Staff reporter

October is a busy month for Northwestern's Recreational Sports Department. From flag football play-offs to Homecoming fun runs, the calendar is filled.

Flag Football play-offs are taking place this week. The top four teams in men's, women's and coed are competing for the chance to represent Northwestern at the state competition in November. "It is so exciting to be competing for the chance to go to state," Amy McHugh, Phi Mu team member said. "Our team went to state two years ago and we hope we can go again this year."

This Thursday, the intramural team badminton tournament will take place. The event begins at 3 p.m. and points will be awarded.

IM Volleyball season kicks off soon and the officials clinic will be held Oct. 14-15 at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a team captains' meeting on that Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Homecoming week is filled with events including the Ghost Chase. The chase will begin on Chaplin's Lake, where each three person team will row one half of a mile, bike three miles , and run two miles. The first place team will receive $75, the second place team will get $50, and the third place team takes home $25. Each participant will get a free tee-shirt.

One of the most important nights for IM is Oct. 16, when the IM Department holds its Ninth Annual Half-Niter. The Demon Varsity Cheerleaders will lead everyone in a pep rally, a cook out will take place, and a bon-fire will also be held for the students. A treasure hunt will be held and the first team who solves the clues will win $125. The first 36 teams to show up will be allowed to compete, and each team must be coed with five members.

On Saturday morning, the IM Department and SPADA will sponsor a Natural High Fun Run. The event will begin at 9 a.m. and all participants receive a tee-shirt. There will be both a one mile and a five kilometer race, and it costs $5 for students and $10 for faculty, staff and the public.

Along with these exciting events, the IM department has many other events planned for the entertainment of the students. For more information about how to get involved in these and other events held by the IM department, call 357-5461.

Rowing Team optimistic about future

Carroll DeMas
Staff reporter

The NSU rowing team is gearing up for what head coach Calvin Cupp hopes to be the best season yet.

Cupp has been the head coach of the NSU Crew for the past three seasons. Cupp has had a very positive impact on NSU's teams, with more victories in his three years here than in the previous five years before his arrival.

One of the reasons Cupp hopes for a better season is the increased help his team is receiving. Two assistant coaches, Todd Keenan and Rick Carter, have stepped in to help Cupp with the rowing practices. Todd Kleinfelter, director of the Human Performance Lab is in charge of all land training.

Rowing-wise, the fall semester is not as busy as the spring, but Cupp has more than enough to do. Huge recruiting efforts are in effect to try and get more rowers. With only 12 experienced teammates coming back Cupp appears to have his work cut out for him. This is nothing new to the NSU Crew, "I've never had anyone come to school here and already know how to row, so basically I've always had to start from scratch," Cupp said.

Along with the recruiting efforts Cupp's teams are busy raising money. Fundraising efforts include two concession stands at the football games and selling programs. The past years the teams had only had one stand, "Because of the extra stand and programs our income has gone up about 120 percent," Cupp said.

That extra money will come in handy with all of the traveling the teams do and because of the price of the boats. A new four man boat cost around $8,600 and a new eight man boat costs around $16,000.

The teams have three away races this fall and one home race. The home race is a marathon, "We are the only place in the world to hold a true rowing marathon, 26 miles long with every type of boat invited, even canoes," Cupp said. This gives NSU a little publicity.

This publicity helps expose other people in the community to rowing which is good for the NSU Crew. In this region of the country rowing is not as big and the exposure to the sport is helpful in getting people interested. "We have a lot of advantages like water and climate, but there is not a lot of rowing for youth here which is why we don't get very experienced rowers at the college level," Cupp said.

This spring the rowing team has six away races. The spring semester is always better for the NSU Crew because of the experience gained in the fall semester. The team also has a chance to practice against other schools in the spring when they come here to train.

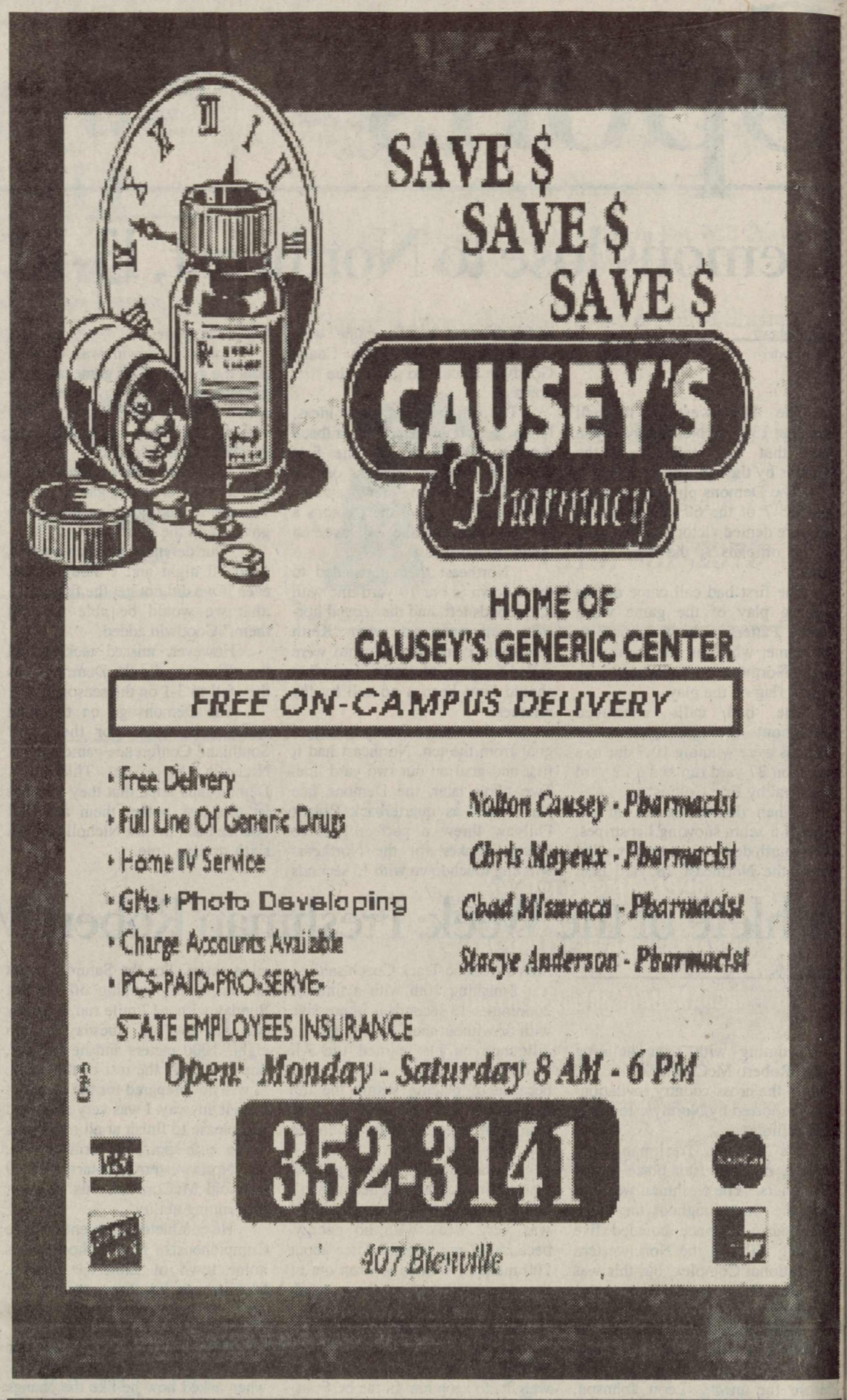
Cupp is looking to improve from last year. Last year the women's four reached the Champion Invitational Regatta in Massachusetts. This is the level II national championship, which is all schools that get invited across the US except for Ivy League schools. "This makes the competition fair," Cupp said.

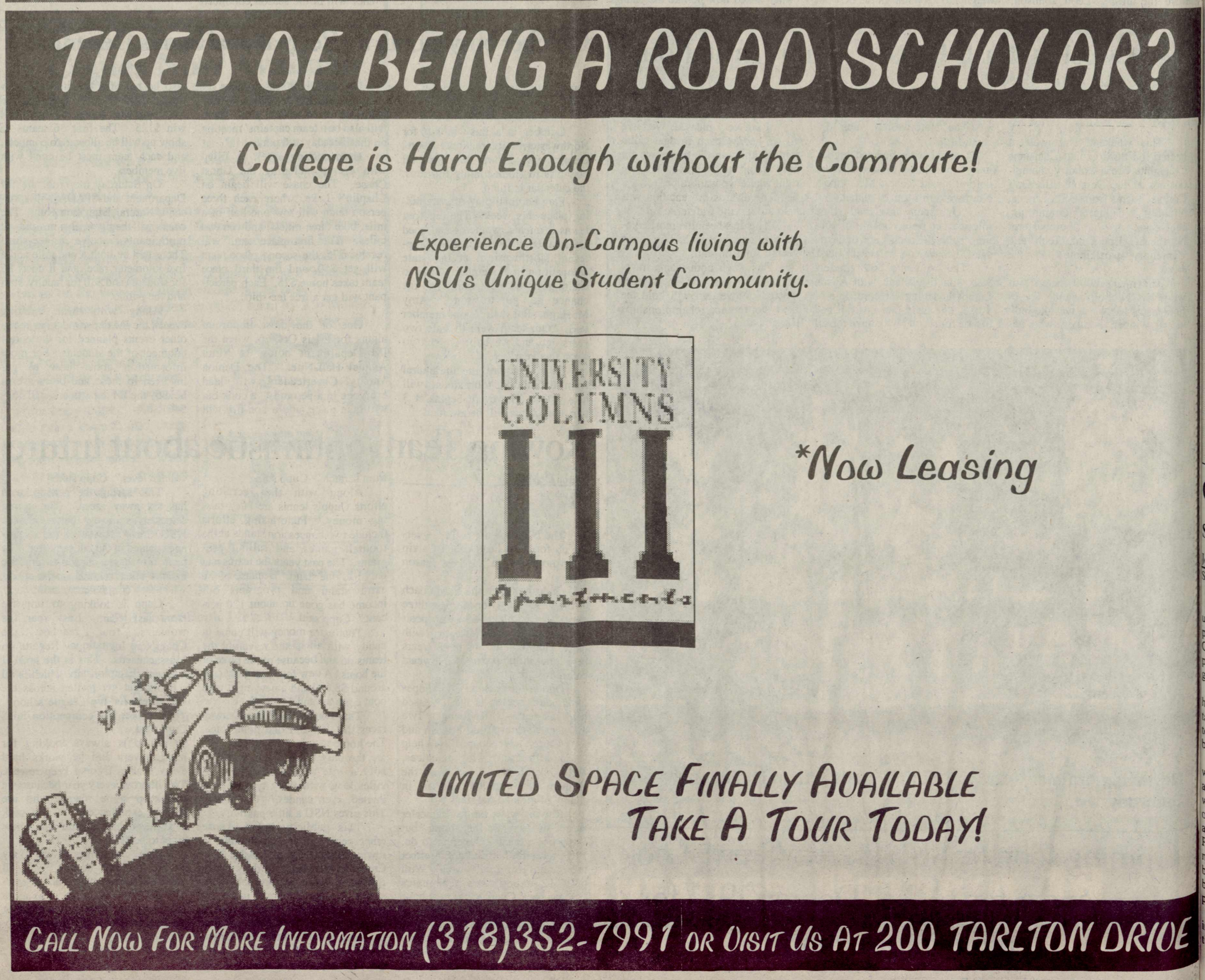
Cupp is always looking for more rowers and he works hard every year to try and keep rowers. "We improve every year because we can keep some rowers who are already experienced," Cupp said, "I've never had anyone who knew what to do."

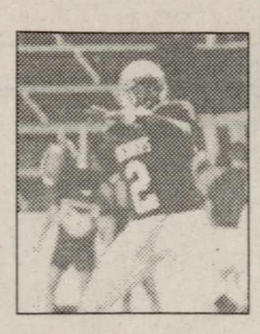
Cupp encourages people to try out for the team, no one is cut, all you have to do is work hard at practice and pay your dues. For more information contact Calvin Cupp at the Intramural Facility room 22.

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The "Spirit of Northwestern" marching band works to perfect a drill for this Saturday's football game, during one of its 2-hour afternoon rehearsals. Photo by Steve Evans

NSU marching band has grown from 48 to 300 in 14 years; teaches more to members than just marching, music and half-time shows

Ben Scroggs
Staff reporter

Music and marching go hand-in-hand as the "Spirit of Northwestern" Marching band experiences the greatest growth this University has ever witnessed. Three-hundred members comprise the marching band, this includes the dance line and color guard. The horn line is the largest it has ever been with well over 100 members marching.

Bill Brent, Director of the Dept. of Creative and Performing Arts, remembers his early years when the band 14 years ago was just a shadow of its massive size today.

"When I arrived in 1982, there were only 48 members," Brent said.

Brent set forth to increase the band size and quality by personally visiting schools all over Louisiana.

According to Brent, "building the band really was not a challenge, it was fun."

"We had (band) rehearsal Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, so when Tuesday and Thursday came around I visited other schools across Louisiana. I would wake up early, and be in a school like Houma or Thibodeaux at eight o'clock, and wouldn't get home again until nine that night." he added.

This helped membership rocket to 80 people by the first State Fair game and 100 musicians had joined by the end of that first football season.

Much of the success for growth Brent attributes to former Northwestern President Robert Alost and current administration.

"During the first couple of years Alost came up to me and said, 'What would it take to get 50 more members in the band?'" Brent stated.

The estimates Brent gave Alost were approved. New band instruments not only increased the quantity of people in the band, but also quality.

A few more years passed and Alost returned to Brent with the same situation as before. New administration under President Randall Webb has given the band greater exposure with a new addition of photographs featuring each section of the band in the homecoming program.

As Director of Bands, Brent has had his hands full working with music and the different bands.

The marching band marches from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and it might take 80 hours a week just to chart a marching show to be performed within a week or two.

This doesn't even include the hours Brent spends developing larger and better concert and symphony bands, and the jazz ensemble.

Some say the band has grown so quickly because of the school support, more money, or more friends have joined, but the real reason behind the bands growth is the deep individual concern Bill Brent expresses for each and every student's success in life which will affect their goals they have written down for the future.

Brent addresses the band from time to time about goals, where you are in life, where you want to be, and how you are going to get there.

"People wait in China 20 years to get crowded apartments and they really live on the street in thatched huts with one bathroom for the entire block," Brent said.

"You see all the things that we have and then you see kids who come pay their money and decided they'd can't get up for their nine o'clock class. I just felt like I needed to say something. Life is too short. We have no guarantees.

"I feel like God has given us this time to be what it we're supposed to be. It seems such a shame that such potential in every student should be wasted." Brent said.

1996 Homecoming Week filled with activities for students and alumni

Stacey Michaels
Staff reporter

"Let's Wrap This Thing Up" is the theme of Homecoming Week 1996. Many activities have been planned for the students' enjoyment as well as to encourage school spirit.

Although elections for the Homecoming Court were held two weeks ago, plans for Homecoming week began at the beginning of the semester. David Deggs, SAB parliamentarian, and Francina Hollingsworth, SGA special events committee head, are responsible for the success of Homecoming week.

"Typically Homecoming is a big success," Deggs said. "Events such as Homecoming Hunnie and the Parade are always highlights.

Homecoming Activities begin the week of Oct. 14. SAB is sponsoring the majority of the activities with individual events sponsored by the Leisure Activities and Recreational Sports Department, Order of Omega, and SGA.

Monday, the Lip Sync Contest and the Mr. Homecoming Hunnie Contest were held. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners.

The SGA will sponsor a student reception for the Homecoming Court in the President's Room of the Student Union at 11 a.m. on Tuesday. All students are invited to attend.

Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. SAB will have a M-4 Motion Simulator in front of the Student Union.

Starting at 8 p.m., the Leisure Activities and Recreational Sports Department will host its annual IM "Half-Niter."

Vic the Demon, the 1996 Homecoming Court and members of SAB will paint cars Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Student Union.

At 7 p.m. a pre-pep rally party will be held in the Alley. There will be a DJ, cotton candy, and door prizes compliments of Admissions, Alumni Affairs, the University Bookstore, and SAB. At 10 p.m. Order of Omega will sponsor a pep Purple Pizazz will be featured.

The Demons will play Sam Houston State at 2 p.m. Saturday in Turpin Stadium.

The 1996 Homecoming Court will be presented at half-time along with inductions to the Long Purple Line and the "N" Club Hall of Fame. Outstanding teachers and the class of 1946 will also be honored.

Alyson Courtney, homecoming maid, is extremely excited about the events planned for the week.

"I will be at all of the SAB Homecoming Activities," Courtney said. "I'm very excited about everything planned for the Homecoming Court and all of the students. The entire week will be a blast."

Kimberly Parker, homecoming queen, was overwhelmed at being elected Queen. She has made plans to participate in Homecoming week.

"I always participate in the SAB Homecoming activities," Parker said. "They have so many fun events scheduled that being on Court will just make them that much more fun."

Parker is a junior pre-pharmacy major. She is a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, secretary of the National Order of Omega, member of the Purple Jackets and Catholic Student Organization. Members of the Homecoming Court are as follows: Jennifer Aby, Susan Bramlett, Shannon Brown, Alyson Courtney, Amy Crews, Martha Hooper, Melissa Morgan, Angela Stills and Theresa Yousey.

Aby is a senior elementary education major. She is a Dean's List student and has been captain of the Purple Pizazz Pom Pon Line for the last two years. She is a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, Purple Jackets and Kappa Delta Pi.

Bramlett is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, NSU Batgirls and was a freshman connector last summer. She is a junior accounting major.

Brown is a junior elementary education major. She is a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, Kappa Delta Pi and Purple Jackets.

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Greek block party tentatively scheduled for Nov. 16

Jeremy Ekberg
Staff reporter

In order to promote Greek unity and intramural sports on campus, Northwestern's Interfraternity Council will soon sponsor a block party and I.M. football all-star game.

The party and game will be held at the practice field where the tailgate parties have been held and is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 16 before the Demons host McNeese.

The I.M. football all-star game will be divided into a men's game and a women's game. The teams will be made up when every Greek organization nominates AP players, according to Joel Deutser, IFC Vice President. The teams will be mixed, made up of various fraternity members playing other fraternity members and various sorority members playing other sorority members.

The all-star game will also involve a 40 yard dash, a competition for fastest man and woman, and a football throw."The purpose for the game is to promote the best Greek athletes we have in football and give them a little exposure on campus." Deutser said.

A band or possibly a D.J. will be at the block party. Food and drink will also be served, but no alcohol because, according to Deutser, IFC must go by the most strict alcohol policy of any organization participating. This is to ensure that no one is liable for problems associated with alcohol.

The party is being held to give Greeks a chance to meet other Greeks and to promote unity among them. "We don't do enough together, we ought to do more." Deutser said, referring to fraternity and sorority members.

The first annual IFC Block Party/Greek Classic All-Star Game will cost anywhere from $200-$400 to put on and was created totally by Deutser, who has been working on the project, in principle, for about a year.

Low-voter turnout in African-American population shows in previous elections

Nakia Bodley
Staff reporter

In 1992, the year of the last Presidential election, it is estimated that over 21.8 million African-Americans, age 18-20, were eligible to vote.

Out of these people 63.9 percent were registered to vote, however, only 54 percent voted.

Low voter turn-out has been a main concern in the black community for several years.

The most common motives in people not exercising their rights centers around time, little knowledge about the issues that are going on, and reason to believe their vote will make no difference. Several people contend that they choose not to vote because the political issues are well beyond their understanding.

"I don't understand what candidates are talking about," Brushie Edwards, sophomore, said "I would probably pick the wrong person."

Other students feel that African-Americans don't vote because they are not aware of the significance their vote has.

Many of these people don't feel a need to be concerned with the issues because they don't see how it will directly effect them.

"I really don't have the time to vote. I think that my vote might not matter."

-Jermaine Jones

"Many people don't vote because they are not aware of the importance of voting," Tanesha Marchand, a junior education major, stated "Some of them don't even know how to vote."

Many students agree with Marchand.

They recognize that black people may not only be ignorant on the actual voting process, but their tendency to not vote is a direct result of them not being in tune with the issues happening around them.

"They don't take the time to pay attention to what is going on and watch the news," Rouchelle Gage, a senior said "They probably just aren't concerned but they should."

Young African-Americans declare that they choose not to vote because the fail to see the importance of many issues on the ballots.

"I vote in big elections like for governor and president," Tamara Nora, junior political science major said "I don't care about things like city clerk and district judge."

Nora goes on to explain that these jobs are important but their is a lack of knowledge about the candidates running for that particular office.

The main concern with most people seems to be time and a feeling of not being heard by the government.

"I really don't have the time to vote," Jermaine Jones, an NSU student, commented "I think that my vote might not matter. Whatever or whoever you vote for may still not change a thing."

In an informal poll taken at Northwestern of registered African-American voters, an average of 71.4 percent actually do vote, an increase of 7.5 percent compared to the national average, and 28.6 percent don't vote.

Many African-Americans do realize that voting is a right and they must exercise it.

"I vote to exercise my right so that I may be able to choose the best candidate," Tara Lewis, junior, said "There are people who fought for me to have this right and I feel as an African-American it's my duty to make sure that their fight wasn't in vain."

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Presidential Debates
The second debate between Bill Clinton and Bob Dole will appear on national television Wednesday. The program will be aired in Studio A of Kyser Hall with a brief introduction at 7:30 p.m. Following the debates will be a question and answer session sponsored by the Senior Colloquium Class of Louisiana Scholars' College.

Red Ribbon Week
Red Ribbon Week, a drug and alcohol free celebration, will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday with a 5K and one-mile fun run. That afternoon members of the Natchitoches Lions Club will distribute red ribbons at the entrance to Turpin Stadium. On Monday non-alcoholic drinks or "Mocktails" will be served before the showing of a movie in the Student Union. Guest comedian Wendi Fox will appear at 7 p.m. Oct. 22 in the Ballroom of the Student Union to share her thoughts and experiences on being raised in an alcoholic environment. at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 students will hear from Substance Abuse Coordinator Jennifer Maggio and Leigh Ann Bell, director of the NSU infirmary, on sexually transmitted diseases and alcohol abuse.

New policy for registration
All early registered students are now required to sign and return a "Certification of Intent" form to the Registrar's Office to prevent cancellation of classes for the Spring 1997 semester. If this form is not signed and returned, the student's classes will be dropped and he or she will have to re-register during regular registration in January 1997. Once the form is signed, the student is required to pay all fees associated with registration. Students will receive the form in the mail after early registration ends.

Free practice LSAT exam
Northwestern's Pre-Law Club and Kaplan Educational Center will sponsor a free practice LSAT exam from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Oct. 24 in room 301 of Kyser Hall. The practice exam will give students an opportunity to better prepare for the LSAT which is a requirement for admission to law school. Reservations are required for the practice exam. To sign up, call 1-800-KAP-TEST (527-8378) before Oct. 23.

Tennis courts open late
At the request of Dr. Randall Webb, the lights at the Tennis Courts will be turned on every Tuesday and Thursday evening from now until the end of the semester. The lights will be turned off at 10 p.m. on these two nights.

Homecoming

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Courtney is a junior broadcast journalism major and member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority. She is an SGA senator-at-large and secretary for the Society for Professional Journalists.

Crews is a junior elementary education major and member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and Purple Jackets. She is also a junior SGA senator, Dean's List student and member of Kappa Alpha's Rose Court.

Hooper is president of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority. She is also a member of the Purple Jackets, Order of Omega and the Catholic Student Organization.

Morgan is a senior math education major and Dean's List student maintaining a 4.0 average. She is captain of the NSU Yell Leaders and member of Phi Mu Fraternity, Purple Jackets and Phi Kappa Phi.

Stills is a senior psychology major. She is president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Dean's List student and member of the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra. She is also a member of Psi Chi.

Yousey is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, NSU Batgirls and Purple Jackets. She is a junior physics and math major and Dean's List student.

Leisure Activities
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Saturday's Homecoming events to include first ever Basketball Pancake Breakfast for sports enthusiasts

Philip Wise
Staff reporter

Homecoming day is full of events for all sports enthusiast. Starting the day at 7:45 a.m. at Prather Coliseum Northwestern Athletic Director Greg Burke is planning the first ever Basketball Pancake Breakfast to be held to show support of the basketball teams.

Along with pancakes, juice and coffee, there will be the excitement of watching the Lady Demons and the Demons play "hoops" in a 8 and 9 a.m. scrimmage. Northwestern Athletic Association will supply the morning meal while it last. Preseason for both teams began on Tuesday so it will make for a good show.

"We're excited about our basketball programs and want to give our supporters this opportunity to get a first look at our teams," Burke said. "We have many new players and we're all anxious to see what they can do."

The breakfast will begin a series of homecoming athletic events for the day. The Graduate 'N' Club letterwinners' association will hold its annual Hall of Fame Induction's after the breakfast at 10 a.m. in the Purple and White Room of the Athletic Fieldhouse.

Bring out your ice chest and your barbecue pits, because at 11 a.m. the fun will begin with the Demon Tailgating Party outside the Athletic Fieldhouse on the practice football field just in the back of Turpin Stadium. Live music, concessions and friends abound will be the center of entertainment.

The twelve prime tailgating locations may still be reserved, with no charge, on a first-come, first serve basis, by calling the athletic department at 357-5251, Burke said.

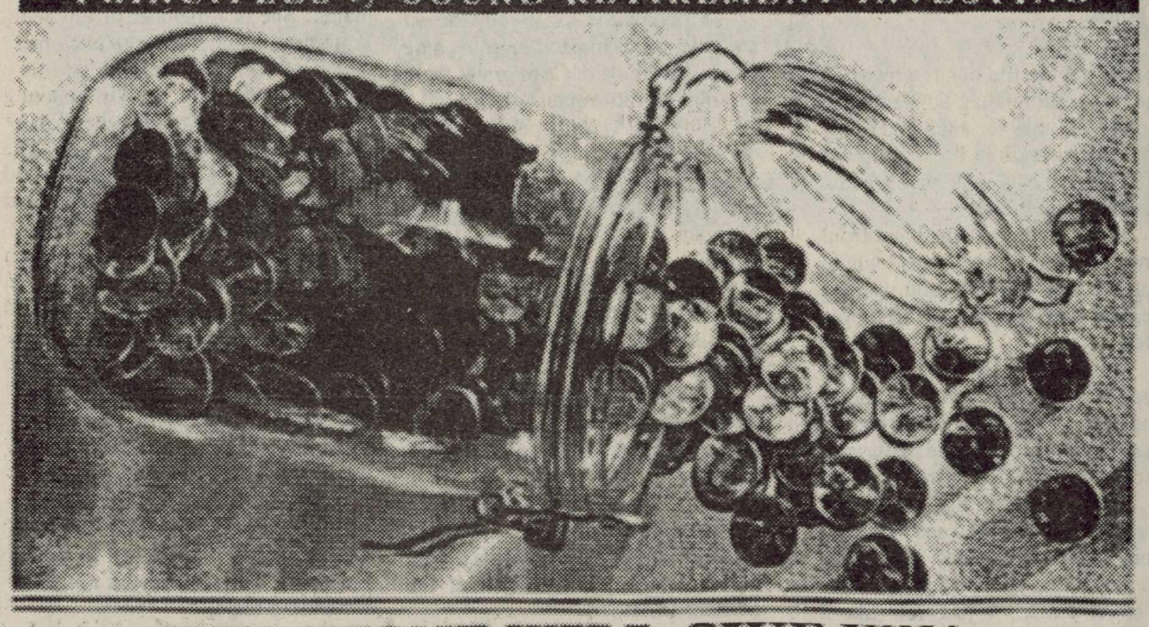
The main event for the day is the 2 p.m. football game between the Demons and long time rivals Sam Houston State, this should make for an exciting game. All Northwestern alumni are eligible for a ticket discount, general admission tickets are priced at five dollars instead of eight until 11 a.m. on game day. Tickets are available at the NSU ticket office from 8-4:30 during the week and from 9-11 on Saturday at the Athletic Fieldhouse.

Come early and plan to have a good time the entire day of the 19th for homecoming is upon us, so lets eat drink and be as merry as possible.

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"The Taming of the Shrew" entertaining despite "hoopla and sensory overload"

Melanie Romero
Staff reporter

Busy, noisy, and rambunctious.

These are word that come to mind when describing the NSU Theater's opening night of William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew."

Incredible pains were taken in making sure the play contained a "knock about" quality, which it did, but maybe it had too much.

The production took place on the main stage, but a thrust stage was incorporated by including the set, plus all the seating on the main stage.

This made for a quaint, little, intimate space that was all wrong for a show of this caliber. The space was too crowded, too cramped.

The play created a surrounding where people are around you, behind you, in front of your face, and talking in your ear all while you are trying to concentrate on the action taking place center stage.

The idea of surrounding the audience with the show is a good one, but not in that small of a space. Instead of generating intimacy, it generates claustrophobia!

It seemed like at all times, too many people were on the stage, and that made it difficult to figure out what was going on. Someone always seemed to be standing in your way blocking the action.

There's a conflict of interest nestled in the play between a big-casted "knock about" show and an intimate, small-staged play. Both were incorporated although only one needed to be used.

A "jug band" added to the rowdy atmosphere with its sound effects.

This aspect added to the charm of the script, but the clamor of all the "instruments," namely bells, cans, people whistling, and slapping their hands together in various rhythms, during scene changes, didn't . This accomplished only more sensory clutter.

After stripping away all the excess clamor, what is left is the actors themselves? It's hard to really discuss them without the hoopla.

Renae Pullen, portraying Lady Jenny, a gentlewoman who is a bit of a prankster, does a terrific job of grabbing the audiences attention in the opening scene.

She has a way of demanding your attention, and then rewards you for obeying. Pullen focuses the show on plot and gives it the direction needed to carry on for its duration.

Pullen's interaction with Brett Daigle, playing the drunk Christopher Sly, and Patrick Thomassie, playing Barthomew (who spends most of the show dressed as a woman), creates an interesting side plot to the "taming" of a prank orchestrated by Lady Jenny to convince Daigle he is a noblemanand Thomassie ishis wife.

These characters then watch a play,"The Taming of the Shrew," put on by a traveling troupe of actors. Not only does this side plot goes on for the duration of the show, but the actors held their character throughout intermission, ad-libbing funny scenes, and interesting predicaments.

P.J. Davis, playing Katherine, the "shrew," and Tony Arieux, playing Petruchio, the "tamer," create a balance between bruteness and hatred with wit and charm.

Arieux, with his character's warped ideas on how to tame his wife and his driving greed for money never really convinces the audience he is a "bad guy."

He holds on to his impeccable charm even while he is braying at his servants over burnt meat. You hate him and you love him all at the same time.

Similarly, Davis manages to keep her likability in the midst of a tantrum in the town square. She holds her audience, charming them while she throws swings.

She creates a character that the audience can sympathize with. The interaction between the two of them creates a connection that holds together from the violent courting scene all the way to their shared kiss of pure love. That takes talent.

Honorable mentions go to Jay Defelice for his incredible play with space, facial expressions, and body gestures; Bo Allen for his convincing and comical drunk; Guy Davis and Alex Peevy for their hilarious facial expressions for the duration of the show; and Henry Layton for his acrobatic placement of the stool during the scene changes.

Other principle cast members include Brad Burton as Lucentio, Gregory Romero as Tranio, Aimee Lasseigne as Marian, Christopher Foster as Baptista Minola, Brandon Mitchell as Gremio, Ryan Butler as Hortensio, and Heather Child as Bianca.

Overall, the production was a mediocre one. It had its points of wonderful entertainment, but also had points of sensory overload.

Nothing was bad, but the show would have been vastly improved if the cast had been smaller, the stage area larger, the noise lower, or a combination of all of the above.

Try New Orleans' House of Shock for a Halloween road trip you won't forget; What began as a small haunted house is now over 14,000 feet of blood, gore, violence and death

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

How much fear can you feel? How much absolute terror can you have jammed down your throat before you fall on your knees and beg for mercy?

If you haven't been to the House of Shock, then you don't know. But you can make the road-trip to New Orleans and find out.

The House of Shock got started back in 1993 when a small group of friends got together and decided to put real terror back into Halloween. They channeled all of their dark creative energy into a haunted house in someone's back yard and over the last four years, that small back yard effort has grown into over 14,000 square feet of pure blood and guts mayhem.

According to Ross Karpelman, one of the founding members, Shock was started by a group of horror movie buffs who were into the gorier films like *Evil Dead* and *The Exorcist*, rather than the more docile films like *Dracula* and *Frankenstein*.

These influences are evident throughout the House of Shock, where all the props are as authentic as possible and great attention is paid to details.

My interview with Karpelman and Steve Konos, another founding member, should help remove any wonder you may have as to why Shock's approximately 200 crew members are known as the "Kings (and Queens!) of Horror."

It: Why did you guys feel a need to put together the House of Shock?

RK: Halloween is our favorite time of year and we'd go to all these different haunted houses and laugh. The Mummy and Frankenstein just aren't scary anymore. We wanted to come out with something that was going to be a bit more intense, something that's going to relate more to what's scary to us, and I think we do that well.

It: What can people expect to see at Shock?



Eihwaz, harvester of the dead, is one of the "treats" that people can look forward to seeing in this year's House of Shock
photo by lesa thompson

RK: Blood, gore, violence and death.

It: How hard is it to get such a huge project together every year?

RK: When it first got started, it wasn't that big of a deal because it was just in a back yard. But now it's grown out of back yards and the whole thing has just escalated into something that's over 14,000 square feet. There's a lot more worries now that weren't here before when we could just concentrate on having a good time. We still have a good time, but now we have other things to worry about like permits and stuff.

SK: But we have a good time in between worrying.

RK: The payoff comes once you've got the make-up on. That's what makes it all worth it. We have a good time and enjoy ourselves doing what we do best.

It: Take me on a tour of Shock. What kind of rooms will people find in it?

RK: It's more like areas than rooms. There's the deranged room, the mausoleum, the church, swamp area, the psycho ward, graveyard, strobe room, the river of blood, and various other areas here and there.

It: What makes Shock different than any other haunted house?

SK: You start out in the Gathering room being abused, degraded, and demoralized.

RK: We go into areas that other haunted houses wouldn't even touch. We pay a lot of attention to detail. We have way bigger props, two story buildings, and stuff like that. Our church is 16 feet high. The House of Shock is definitely something to behold. We're not a bunch of school kids doing this for credit. We're a group of friends who are totally into horror. We do this for ourselves and for that reason alone, we take it to heart. We take this seriously. People will notice that and see that we really mean it.

It: Shock is like the Disneyland of death and destruction. Who are some of its cast members?

SK: The Evangelist is the guardian and gatekeeper. He's the minister of death and author of pain. He greets you at the entrance as your guide, savior and friend, but subconsciously, he prays for the death and torture of all those who enter.

Lord Belial is the ancient Druid of the Apocalypse. His sole purpose is to destroy all living creatures. As you enter his church of final judgment, abandon all hope and witness altars gownd in flesh and blood.

Eihwaz is the Harvester of the Dead. He feeds on the stagnant remains of untampered graves. To him, Death is the great indulgence.

If you need to get more information on the House of Shock, you can either call them at (504) 734-SHOCK or visit their website at www.umd.umich.edu/~alfieii/hos/. The House of Shock will be open Oct. 18-20, and 25-31 from 8 p.m. - until. Tickets are $5.

Mighty Ducks 3 gets good marks from *Sauce* reviewer; original characters return to big screen

Benjamin Scroggs
Staff reporter

The new comedy sequel, Mighty Ducks 3, begins where its predecessors left off: hilarious hijinxs, plenty of fun and what else — DUCKPOWER!

If you have never seen a Mighty Duck movie before then you'll be happy to know that you won't be lost trying to jump in and see the third one before the first two. It's a relief to the know the original characters from the other two movies return to the big screen. It just wouldn't be the same without them.

The nationally acclaimed Might Ducks, who have shocked the nation with their win over the Iceland Hockey team for the world title, have now been granted full Scholarships to Eden Hall Academy, a prestigious school with a long history of "honor" and "tradition."

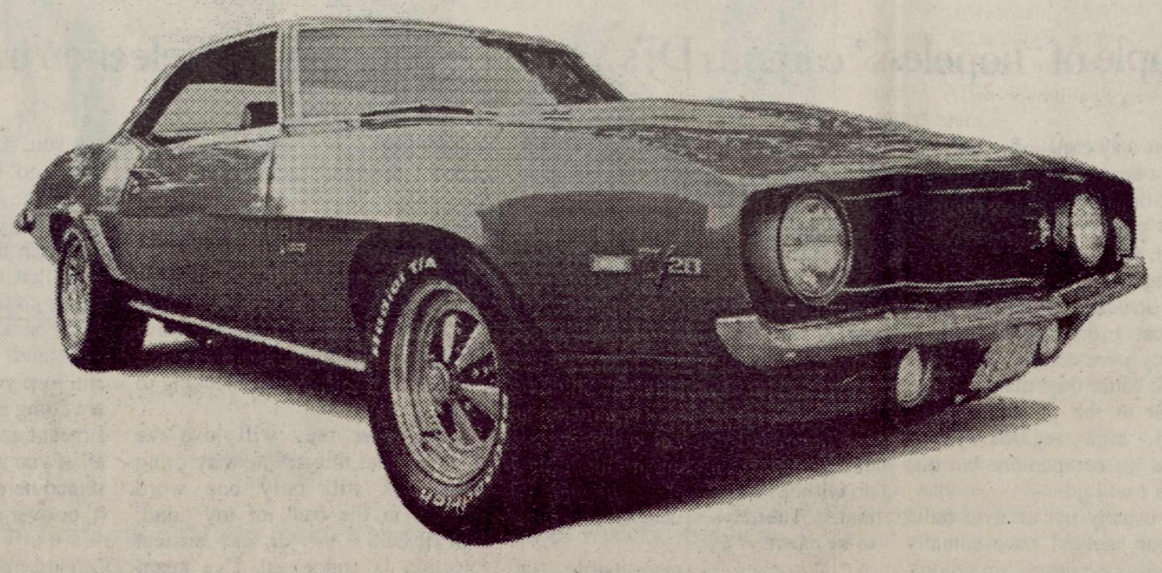
Coach Bombay (Emilio Estevez) coach for the Mighty Ducks in the past, has left for the pros and the ducks face new challenges: a new coach, and — Growing up on and off the ice.

Under a new coach the Ducks begin to learn what growing up is all about, good and bad. They are torn between their new role as the Eden Hall junior varsity team, and leaving behind the memory of who they used to be. The varsity hockey team bears a grudge against newcomers and turmoil ensues, putting team against team on the ice, and in school. One prank after another throws the two teams face to face in fierce competition in practical jokes and hockey.

After being stripped of team captain responsibilities, Charlie revolts, quits the team, leaves school, and does a lot of growing up with advice from an old friend along the way. You will even see a new love interest arise in the first few minutes of the movie leaving Charlie dazzled by what seems to be the perfect girl of his dreams. The only problem is she isn't interested in jocks, not the snobby kind at Eden Hall anyway.

Charlie, has one quest upon another on his way to becoming an adult. It has been said that it doesn't matter where you are but how far you have come. If this were to be true, then the Mighty Ducks have come a long way and they will take you on a ride laughing the whole way.

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Our View

NSU and its ominous lack of tradition

Homecoming is here.

Northwestern students have an excuse to spend the week partying (as if we need an excuse) and celebrating their rich NSU heritage.

We also get the chance to see what our alumni are doing with their lives. Did they actually find someone to settle down with and raise a family? Were they able to find a job with their Northwestern degree? Are they happy? Are they successful?

Will we be able to find the same success they did?

Now, "excellence is our minimum standard." What was the standard 30 years ago? We know our alumni suffered through midterms, finals and all-niters- but they had NSU traditions to look forward to.

Other schools have old football rivalries, like the old NSU-TECH state fair game, where college students would flock to Shreveport to see for themselves, who that year's champion would be.

Girls would wring their hands for weeks waiting to be asked to the state fair game, because if they didn't have one, they weren't "groovy." And your date never forgot to buy you a state fair corsage.

Today, NSU lacks that tradition.

The State Fair game was discontinued several years ago when Tech decided to move into another division, and Northwestern never got around to establishing another "tradition."

Tradition is the basis on which schools such as Texas A&M, Notre Dame, and others stand on. The truth is that most colleges and universities have a traditional background. Northwestern doesn't.

In fact, most NSU students don't know the meaning of tradition.

Texas A&M has its entire structure based on tradition. When you ask an Aggie why he does something, it is usually because of tradition. There is a 10-story bon fire every year without fail, rain or shine. There is a great rivalry between UT and A&M where fights frequently break out after a humiliating lose.

Sure, you may say we're not as big as A&M. That's not the point, NSU students have a big enough problem going to a pep rally or joining an organization because they are too preoccupied to show some support for their school.

If you are not proud of this school, then why did you chose it?

The only tradition that NSU has right now is the empty parking lots on the weekends.

Webster's has put it in the simplest but truest, heart-felt terms. Tradition "the process of handing down information, opinions, beliefs, and customs by word of mouth or by example."

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More commentary on Natchitoches' lack of MTV

Guest Columnist

Jeremy Ekberg

Music Television in Natchitoches? Unheard of, Why? Who the hell knows.

When I called TCA Cable, the one and only cable TV company in Natchitoches, they couldn't even give me a straight answer. I spoke to the owner, a man named Sam Holland, who claims that the reason MTV is unavailable is that "VH-1 was the popular choice..." when a survey was given by the company in 1986.

He also told me that in order to get MTV the company would have to get rid of one of the channels it currently offers. I don't claim to be a genius in the area of cable television, but when you turn on your cable box in your home you can put on channel 99, for example, and you will see nothing but a blank screen.

Why can't one of those blank channels carry MTV? Not only that but the survey they gave is a decade old. Maybe it is time to give another one.

The reasons Mr. Holland gave me aren't good reasons. Besides that, they are a little suspicious, because when I went to the TCA cable office to pay my overpriced bill a couple of months ago, I made an inquiry about MTV. The woman who happily took my money told me that the reason MTV is unavailable is because, simply enough, the owner doesn't like it.

Pretty audacious, isn't it?

When I confronted Mr. Holland about this, he demanded to know the name of his employee who told me that. Of course I didn't know, and the conversation ended.

Music Television is a quality cable network. It is not only entertaining for those of us who love music, but it is very informative, especially for people of high school and college ages. It has its own news programs, like MTV News and The Week in Rock as well as running news specials from time to time.

I have seen news programs on MTV about AIDS, drinking and driving, and safe sex. This is stuff college students need to know!

So why can't we get it? Is it because we live in a small town in rural Louisiana? Is MTV really that offensive? Perhaps both, but I must say that it's not near as bad as anything you can see on HBO or Cinemax, both of which are offered by TCA.

My suggestion to the citizens of Natchitoches and the students of Northwestern is to call the company, like I did, and ask for MTV. If that doesn't work demand that another survey be taken, or ask to see the results of the 1986 survey. There is only one cable TV company in Natchitoches, so we don't have many other choices.

Although I haven't taken a survey myself, most of the students I have talked to about MTV would love to have it on their cable service. In fact, one of my fraternity brothers likes it so much, he records shows from MTV every time he goes home so that he can watch them here.

So if we all like it so much, why can't we get it? In my opinion, it all boils down to prior restraint, better known as censorship.

According to Bruce Bryant, a Shreveport attorney who also teaches a media law course at NSU every Tuesday night, censorship is now more tolerated than ever. Tolerated by us, the students and student journalists.

Censorship, according to the late Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendall Holmes should only be tolerated when "the words used...create a clear and present danger that they will bring about the substantive evils that Congress has a right to prevent." (1)

Does MTV "create a clear and present danger" or bring about "substantive evils"? I seriously doubt it, however, I think that there are some in Natchitoches that do think so.

I have also come to the conclusion that one of two things is happening here. Either Mr. Holland has legitimate reasons for not bringing MTV to Natchitoches, in which case we need to express our desire for it, or that is simply bullsh** and MTV is being held from us, which is censorship. In the latter case, we also need to express ourselves.

Censorship is being tolerated now more than ever. Why, I do not know, but it needs to stop. If they can tell us what we can and can't watch on television, they can tell us anything.

(1) Schenck v. U.S., 249 U.S. 47 (1919).

Letters to the Editor

Smoker takes offense to new smoking situation in Roy Hall

Dear editor,

I couldn't let the article in the Current Sauce lay to rest. I tried, I really did, but only to be fair, I think we should hear a smoker's view on the situation.

First of all, the unsightly cigarette butts on the ground are mostly from students and non-workers in Roy Hall. As they approach the building, they just "thump" their cigarettes on the ground. In case no one has noticed, there are two ashtrays at the side entrance of Roy Hall which were always full and were previously used by the smokers of Roy Hall. Personally, I do not toss cigarette butts on the grounds. And I refuse to pick them up for anyone else.

We are appreciative that Mr. Winston has given us another area in which to smoke, although it is very hot there until after 1 p.m., so I usually smoke in my van in the parking lot in the morning. That is, until complaints from the person I park beside will put a stop to that as well.

Try as you may, until they stop selling them, you will have smokers. Smokers are people just like everyone else. Yes, it is a bad habit, but one that I enjoy. Just as some people feel hey must always have dessert after a meal, or make that same 10 a.m. trip each morning to the candy or Coke machine, or have a cup of coffee on their desk when they first arrive to work.

I don't smoke at my desk and never have. That is abusive to students or faculty with whom we must work with each day. But how I spend my two breaks each day, be it with a cup of coffee, a candy bar, Coke or a cigarette should be my decision. And I apologize to all of the non-smokers who have had to walk through a cloud of smoke for 12 years. I am truly sorry.

Discrimination works in many different ways. We should be careful that all people's rights are protected.

All of us at Northwestern are here for the same reason. We love NSU and want only the best for our faculty, staff, students and our beautiful campus. And we need to all work together to make this the best University it can be.

When we lose sights of our goals and purpose for being here, our good intentions could very well go up in smoke!

Janine Waters

Student disagrees with previous letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

This is a reply to Arron D. Lance, which had the title 'Student voices Disaproval of premarital sex.'

First of all, Jeff Burkett writes things that some people will disagree with, I sometimes do too, but never have I complained, not even if it was an attack on my personal character. Why?

Simply because it doesn't matter, he wasn't attacking me personally, or my beliefs personally, because he is writing in generalities.

Secondly, why should your views of what is right and wrong decide what mine are? I read that article, and found it quite entertaining, not perverse, or anything of the sort. I really seriously doubt that anyone actually took his advice to heart, and if they did, they are are really open to suggestion. If you had been allowed to censor that, you would have invaded my right to read it, and the newspaper's right to print it.

If you don't want to read it, then don~t, but donit tell me what to do, I really don't want to hear it.

Thirdly, you want to know what is the real cause of moral deliquency in this country? Quite simply, it is people that push their beliefs on others, and in doing so, make rebels out of people that otherwise wouldn~t have cared either way.

People get sick of being told what to do and just telling them they are wrong isn't going to change their minds at all.

Andrew Sutton

Greek member takes a stand on negative stereotyping of Greek system on campus

Dear Editor,

I am sick and tired of hearing all of the non-greek"G.D.I's" students moaning and groaning about the Greeks on campus. In the past couple of years that I have been at NSU I have heard nothing but bad mouthing of the Greek system. The truth of the whole matter is that the Greeks do almost everything on this campus.If you look at all the organization's around campus most of them are ran by greeks(S.A.B., S.G.A, Etc...).

I think that all you "G.D.I's" should show a little thanks to the "Greeks that take the time to put together all of the events you"G.D.I's" get to enjoy. It's a lot of work putting these events on.

You can join a number of Greek organization's on campus if you chose to, but If you don't, and know little to nothing about the Greek system you should try to keep your opinions to yourself.

I am not trying to say that we rule campus or slander on non-Greek students, only the ones who open there mouths at the Greek system in a harsh way. Most "Greek members are glad to do things for the university and should be shown a little gratitude.

Members of Greek organization encourage every student to Go-Greek, but it is your choice, but don't hate us because your not part of us.

If you have no clue what the "Greek system" is then this does not pertain to you.

Dan Helms

A couple of "hopeless" campus DJ's and their poor musical selection irritate listener

To whom it may concern:

I am a senior here at NSU and have seen, or rather heard many dj's come and go from KNWD. Some were good, some deserved to leave.

My regards go to the Cajun Trio who were on two years ago for some of the best broadcasting I have heard. They were controversial yes, but what is better than that?

As far as the present staff is concerned, high regards go to Bobby and his companions but that is as far as I will go.

I am usually not an avid radio listener, but lately, I have actually started applying myself to schoolwork, so changing cd's has become too much trouble to deal with, so I just let the radio play. But what I've heard lately on KNWD makes changing cd's seem not so troublesome.

The music is usually not too bad but presentation is the key, right? Some nights I listen just because I have had a bad day, but that's just because I need a good laugh and that's exactly what I get. My roommates wholeheartedly agree.

I really have only one day off during the week to do what I want to do without worrying about class and that is Tuesdays. Tuesday evenings to be exact.

Whoever is responsible for interviewing and hiring these people needs to have their head examined. For all you senior psychology majors out there, need any thesis ideas? I guess that goes for the dj's, too.

I guess some of you are wondering just who, specifically I am speaking of. Yep, those wonderful, yet hopeless "Sex Twins," as they call themselves. I can honestly have more fun sitting on my porch smokin' a cigarette than listening to them.

I'm sure they will love the attention that this article may bring them, but still only one word remains in the back of my mind; HOPELESS. As far as musical selection is concerned, I've heard better selection on Friday nights at the local skating rink.

And girls, I'll tell you, or rather ask you, do you really think anyone wants to hear all those sappy, "I want you back" love songs? Save them for your "Pimps." One more thing....if they are your pimps, what does that make you? Oh, I know I didn't go there.

For all you dj's out there in radioland that I didn't mention, I still love you, and for all I know you are doing a great job, but I said what I meant and meant what I said. For all of you who didn't like what I presented here, oh well, you'll get over it, or over me, if not come see me!

Davidson Rede.

Sports

Demons suffer second loss of season to Nicholls State

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

After a gut wrenching loss to Northeast last weekend the Demons came up short again this past Saturday with a 19-17 loss to Nicholls at Thibodaux. This loss was a little harder to swallow because the officials did not play a part in the outcome of the game.

With the Demons leading 17-16 with a minute left in the ball game the Demons went back into punt formation on the Nicholls 46 yard line.

Punter Shane Barbaro received the snap and then tried to punt the ball. His punt was blocked and recovered by Nicholls at the Demon 23 yard line with 56 seconds left in the ball game.

Nicholls who had no time-outs left ran two plays and then spiked the ball to stop the clock with 20 seconds left in the ball game. Adam Deil then came on the field to kick a 37 yard field goal to win the game for Nicholls.

Barbaro was very upset after the game.

Assistant Sports Information Director Dart Volz and Athletic Director Greg Burke had to calm him down just so he could be interviewed for the the Sam Goodwin show after the game.

The Demon scoring came on a Pat Palmer's catch from Warren Patterson in the first quarter, and Anthony Williams two yard run.

Eric Collins topped off the Demon's scoring with a 32 yard field goal at the end of the first half as the Demons went into the locker room up 17-10 at halftime.

"We just gave them this game. There was no reason in hell these guys should have even been in the ball game with us," Grant Crowder

The second half was all Nicholls however, as they scored the only points in the second half off of three field goals of 42,28 and 37 yards by Adam Diel.

After the game a few team members were still confident that the Demons would rebound after this tough loss.

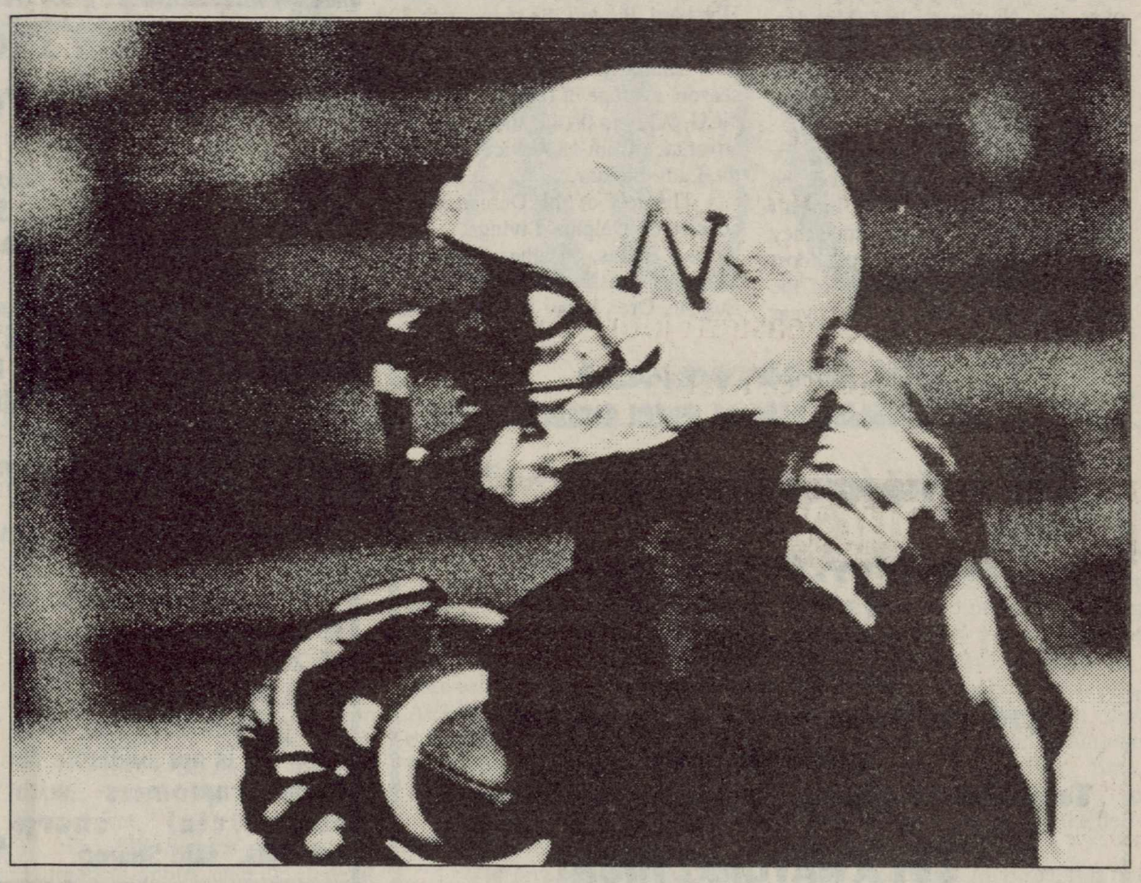
"This was the most positive loss I have ever been associated with in all my years of playing football. We have not lost our confidence and I still believe that we can win the conference and make it to the play-offs," Josh King said after the game

Linebacker Grant Crowder said much the same thing after the game. "We just gave them this game. There was no reason in hell that these guys (Nicholls) should have even been in the ball game with us," Crowder said.

Sam Goodwin was also understandably upset after the game, but he also congratulated the entire Nicholls coaching staff. "They made the proper adjustments at halftime to win the ball game," Goodwin said.

The Demons finally come back to Turpin Stadium for their Homecoming game against Sam Houston State. Sam Houston is coming off a huge win over #3 ranked Stephen F. Austin this passed weekend.

Game time is set for 2:00 in the afternoon and the Demons need all the support possible to secure a much needed win after two devastating losses.



Pat Palmer receives a pass from Warren Patterson Photo by Eric Dutile

Northwestern's "N" Club honors Hall of Fame Inductees

DeAdrian Alexander
Staff reporter

The 1996 induction class for Northwestern's Graduate 'N' Club Hall of Fame will be headed by Gary Reasons, the first player in Division I-AA football history to win All-America honors for three years.

Reasons, along with, sports star Frank Lampkin and women's sports pioneer Lou Lewis Baxter were elected by the 'N' Club which is comprised of former athletic letter-winners at Northwestern.

Longtime Northwestern head coaches Sam Goodwin (football), Leon Johnson (track and field) and James Smith (women's basketball) will also receive honorary lettermen's status during the ceremonies. They will be given 'N' Club lifetime memberships in recognition of their service to the university.

According to Director of Sports Information Doug Ireland, honorary memberships have never been given. These are the first people in the club who did not attend Northwestern. Ireland said the Inboard Board of Directors felt strongly that they'd made valuable contributions to Northwestern and although none of the inductees graduated from Northwestern, they all consider themselves as true Demons. "The lettermen certainly want to include them," Ireland said.

Induction into the 'N' club Hall of Fame is the highest honor offered by Northwestern to its former student-athletes and coaches. " It's a tremendous honor to be an honorary member of the 'N' Club. To be associated with a group that outstanding is very special," said Coach Smith.

Coach Goodwin expressed his feelings about this honor. " I'm surprised and pleased. It's quite an honor having not been a NSU alumni. I'm looking forward to that induction becoming a reality."

Reasons retired his demon jersey (34) following his career in 1984 and was inducted in August in the College Football Hall of Fame. He set Demon records for a single-game (24), single-season (172), and career (394) tackles from 1980-83. Reasons won two superbowl championship rings during his eight years (1984-91) in the NFL with the New York Giants. Reasons who was a 1984 honors graduate in business administration is a college football analyst for ABC Sports.

Lampkin, a two-year all-conference guard in basketball was also a standout javelin thrower in track and field. He helped the Demons win back-to back Louisiana Intercollegiate Conference titles in 1946-47 and 1947-48 season.

The 1947-48 team advanced to National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball Championships. As a senior, he won the L.I.C. javelin championship and took the Southern AAU Junior Division title.

Northwestern was put on the forefront of intercollegiate women's athletics in Louisiana as a result of Baxter's activism and advocacy. The first women's basketball team of the post World War II era in Louisiana, in 1966-67, was at Northwestern.

Other colleges gradually followed NSU's lead. The first women's basketball tournament was hosted by Northwestern that year. Baxter, a physical education professor, served as volunteer coach for the "Demonettes" which established the winning tradition that remains today. From 1967-74, the team had a 70-31 record. Their most noteworthy achievement was receiving an invitation to the 1973 National Women's Invitational Tournament. By the 1974-75 season, the "Demonettes" had filled two trophy cases in the P.E. Majors Building.

The induction ceremonies will begin Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Purple and White Room of the Athletic Fieldhouse. The inductees and honored coaches will also be introduced in pregame ceremonies prior to the 2 p.m. homecoming game.

Flag Football Champions to play in Lafayette Nov. 23

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

The IM flag football ended last week sending three teams to Lafayette for the state IM playoffs.

Coming in first for the men's team was CSO winning over Theta Chi 20-13. Theta Chi came in second, and GDI along with NWO rounded out the top three.

"The season went great," Scott Batts, captain of CSO and Co-Rec, said. "This is the first year we actually had six competitive teams. We usually have only three or four."

According to Batts, the first game was won by one touchdown and the runners up, Theta Chi, won in overtime in the playoffs.

"Every team could hold its own this year and it made for an interesting season," Batts added.

The CSO mens team will pick up a few players from GDI while some of their original players join the Co-Rec team to play in Lafayette, November 23 and 24. The men will try to win 1 or 2 games to survive in the state tournament, Batts added, competition well be tough being that teams such as LSU and Southern tend to walk all over their competitors.

"Co-Rec has gone to state the past couple of years and they know what to expect," Batts said. "We usually come out in the top two."

As far as the women's teams are concerned, coming in first and going to state is TTG. They won 34-12 over second place winners, BSU. In third place was Phi Mu tying with Ladies Two.

"The women did great," Batts said. "There were 4 great teams and they could win or lose any day."

This year has been a great year for Northwestern IM Flag Football. The competition is better as opposed to past years and there is more involvement.

"The teams are getting better and it's helping to represent NSU positively at State," Batts said.

"Flag football went well this season and I was glad that all of the teams came out to compete," Scott Bruscato, Assistant Director of Recreational Sports, said. "I look forward to volleyball and I hope teams will come out and play then too."

There will be a volleyball team captains meeting at 6 p.m., Tues. in the IM building. Anyone interested in starting a team should attend.

Although volleyball is getting started this week, it will be one of many festivities going on with IM Sports. The 9th annual Half-Niter will be Wednesday beginning at 6 p.m.

Saturday morning at 9a.m. there will be the Homecoming 1 mile and 5K run. It is sponsored by SPADA and Rec. Sports. There will be a registration fee of $5 and all participants will receive a free T-shirt.

Coming Oct. 30 is the Ghost Chase at 4 p.m. Anyone interested should sign up at the IM building.



A member of Theta Chi Fraternity tries to make a tackle on one of NWO's players during one of last Tuesday's games.

Photo by Eric Dutile

Volleyball team defeats Northeast for first conference win in three years

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Demon volleyball after three years of volleyball frustration in conference play took out their frustrations on Northeast winning 3-1.

"This was a big step for our program" said first year coach Mary Dejute. "It helps us build a foundation for the future and getting that first win in conference play will give the players more confidence as we go on into the season." The Demons were led by Tiffany Cronin, Gretchen Hecht, and Maggie Ehlers in the Northeast game. Cronin had three service aces while Ehlers and Hecht combined for fifteen kills. The scores of the games in the match were 17-15,15-10,12-15, and 15-12.

After the big win the Demons returned home to face the conference leading Stephen F. Austin Lady Jacks. The women played well but were defeated 3-0 in the match. Cronin led the demons in that match with 10 kills. Scores in that match were 15-7,15-3,15-6.

On Friday night the women took on Sam Houston State in Prather. This was a good and entertaining match to watch even though the Demons lost 3-0. The scores of the games were 15-5,15-2,16-14. In the third game the women were down 11-5 and made a great comeback just to get back into the game even though they fell short in losing the game 16-14. Andrea Zegac led the Demons with 23 assists and Gretchen Hecht had eight kills.

The Demons will be on the road all this week as they play Centenary on Monday and McNe and Nicholls on Friday and Saturday. "This will be a important week for the team as they look to possibly pick up two conference wins," DeJute said. "They are better prepared now and they have more of a desire to win more games in conference play."

Lady Demon named to All-Southland Conference second team

Angela Hennigan
Staff reporter

Northwestern State Lady Demon Basketball player Louise Chase has been named to the preseason All-Southland Conference second team.

Chase, a 5-10 sophomore forward from Ringgold, La., was voted to the team despite the fact that she has never played collegiate basketball.

Last season Chase was forced to sit out due to her grades. As a high school senior she averaged 31.5 points per game and scored almost 3,000 career points in 98 games.

"Louise was one of the top five players in the state coming out of high school," head coach James Smith said. "She is a great scorer and rebounder and will be a player who can help us stay at the level of competitiveness to which we are accustomed," Smith added.

NSU lost one of their premier players in Lady Demon history last year when Joskeen Garner graduated. Garner was also a high school stand out and was expected to take the Lady Demons to success, just as Chase is.

"Louise is an excellent player whose high school credentials earned her this honor," Northwestern Sports Information Director Doug Ireland said. "She is an important part of our team this year because we have a lot of new faces to help us continue our tradition of women's basketball."

The preseason teams were announced last Tuesday at the Century Cellunet Tip-off reception in Shreveport by media relations director Tommy Newsom. The Lady Demons, who lost three starters from last years 19-10 squad, are picked to finish fourth in the women's preseason coaches poll.

The men's team, who closed out the season last year with a record of 5-21, is picked to finish seventh.

J.D. Barnett, the men's basketball head coach, is entering his third season at Northwestern and is anticipating an improved basketball team this year.

Barnett believes that the veterans who are returning will know what it takes to help the Demons win the Southland Conference.

"With the veterans returning and some new recruits coming in to improve on some of the deficiencies we encountered last year, we should be much improved," Barnett said.

The ladyjacks of Stephen F. Austin are picked to win the conference. They outdistanced their nearest competitor, Southwest Texas, by eleven votes.

The men's poll has Northeast and McNeese State University in a tie for the top spot.

Athletes of the Week: Northwestern's Volleyball Team

Philip Wise
Staff reporter

A long awaited conference victory over Northeast sets the Northwestern Volleyball team as the "athletes of the week".

The Demon Volleyball team help break the 28 conference match losing streak with their 3-1 win over the Northeast last Monday. Northwestern has not carried a conference win home since October 30, 1993, when they were matched against Nicholls State.

"The Northeast win was big for our program as well as for the seniors on the team. They haven't won a conference match since they were freshman, and it will boost their confidence for the rest of the season," Mary Dejute first year Northwestern Volleyball Coach said.

The two hour match was an all around success for the Demon squad. Amy Warren, Ridgecrest, Ark. and Tiffany Cronin, Lajunta, Colo. were very dominating with 23 of the 43 kills. Maggie Ehelers, Emory, Texas, had 9 kills and 7 digs, while teammate Andrea Zegac, Horsham, Pa. left the game with 32 assist. Northwestern played very well shooting a 0.223, over their season average of 0.25. They outhit NLU, 0.223 to 0.147, and gained the advantage from 18 service errors by the Lady Indians.

The rest of the Demon squad consist of Delphia Livings, Port Arthur, Texas, Heather Krolczyk, Mineral, Wash., Gretchen Hecht, Eugene, Ore., Lynar Deluca, Mesa, Arizona, Lori Dyer, River Ridge, LA, Kim Hand, Valapraiso, IN, and Kendra Peters, Regina Beach, Saskatchewan.

Dejute said the victory was a providing ground for her relatively young team.

"The team showed me that they could play, that they didn't have any 'quit' in them. When times got tough, they regained their composure and pulled through it together. We need some positive reinforcement because the team has been working extremely hard without the reward of a win. They deserved Monday night's win, and hopefully we can use it as a launching point for more wins," Dejute added.

"In a historical perspective after coach Ricky McCalister left, the program struggled, but the girls hung in there competing. The girls did what was asked of them. They believed in one another, which speaks very highly of them as people and as competitors. One match is not what they're playing for, but it represents a sign of progress," Director of Sports Information Doug Ireland said.

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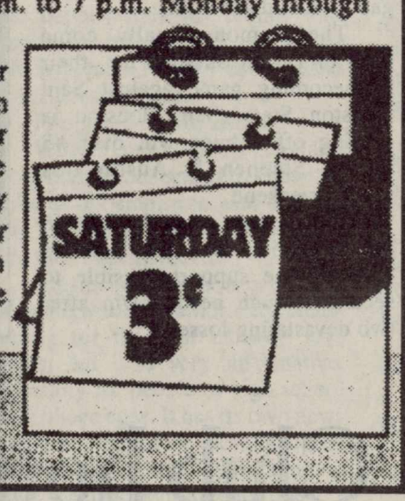
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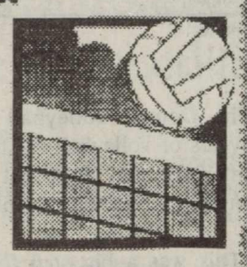
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Department of Journalism receives provisional accreditation; has one year to improve program

Stacey Michaels
Staff reporter

The Journalism Department received provisional accreditation last week, following a four-day visit by an accreditation team from the Accreditation Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

The three member accreditation team arrived in Natchitoches on Oct. 13 and stayed through Oct. 16.
The team consisted of Elliot Brack, reporter for the Atlanta Constitution, Dr. Dan Lattimore, chair of the University of Memphis Department of Journalism and Dr. Erna Smith, chair of the San Francisco University Department of Journalism.

The AEJMC is the only accrediting body in the journalism field.

According to Dr. Ron McBride, head of Northwestern's Department of Journalism, becoming accredited is difficult. Only 20 percent of all journalism programs in the United States are accredited.

"That means only one in every five schools is accredited," McBride said. "Being accredited is very prestigious."

Although most of the work for accreditation was done during 1995 and 1996, preparation began five years ago.

A self study was held this past year, in which a 12 point standard review of the department was conducted. Following the self study, the team from AEJMC was sent to Natchitoches to confirm Northwestern had fulfilled the 12 standards.

While the team visited Northwestern, they met with members of the faculty, administration and students. Touring classes, inspecting equipment and facilities and interviewing students allowed the accreditation team to examine the strengths and weaknesses of the Journalism Department.

Student involvement was a large part of the accreditation process. The AEJMC team met with approximately 25 students to ask their opinions pertaining to every aspect of the Journalism Department.

Dr. Bill Swain, professor of Journalism, appreciated the students realization that this was an important visit.

"I especially appreciate the contribution of the students to the process," Swain said.

Some of the strengths in the department were listed as excellent facilities, good minority representation and a wonderful rapport between students and faculty. AEJMC does not recommend that department weaknesses become publicized. They are simply to be fixed.

Students are excited about the provisional accreditation.

"The prospect of full accreditation is both exciting and beneficial for Northwestern," Tatum Lyles, sophomore journalism major, said. "I hope we can maintain our accreditation status. I would be proud to say I graduated from NSU either way, but I would prefer to be from one of the select few schools that can claim this illustrious honor."

Preliminary accreditation was granted with the provision that minor changes be made within one calendar year. At that time, Lattimore will return to Northwestern to verify that the deficiencies have been fixed.

According to McBride, it is not unusual for a second visit by the accreditation team. Ultimately, McBride hopes to have the improvements completed by the summer.

Webb considers "open door" policy a success; gives examples of problems solved

Emily Leonard
Staff reporter

"What do you think needs to be improved around the NSU campus?" is one of many questions President Randall J. Webb is inviting students to answer.

Webb has initiated his "open door policy" to all students. This policy allows students to make an appointment to visit his office and sit down and discuss problems on campus.



Webb

"I do this because one I think it is the thing to do," Webb said. "When I was the Dean of Instruction of the graduate school, I spent a large amount of my time sitting and talking to students, usually with problems and concerns.

"My great fear in becoming president was not my inability to make decisions and deal with difficult problems, it was that I would be pulled too far away from students. I have been so close to them. That is why I have set aside time for them."

The problems Webb has to deal with have been widespread. For some, the parking issue on campus has been important. Others have discussed problems concerning classes or teachers.

"One young lady was in here the other day and brought to my attention she wanted to go over to the gymnasium in the Intramural Building to find out about the Half-Niter," Webb said. "She was in a wheelchair and could not get in to find out. She was telling me that we needed an accessible ramp. I said, 'Of course you're right' and said I would look into it.

"To show the dedication of our staff, they must have started on it right away. They assigned a priority to something that did not even fit into their schedule. I think it was even finished for the Half-Niter."

Webb has set aside times on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. If he is not free, students can come by at other times, when he is available. Webb not only sits down to talk to students on this campus, but also the students and faculty of the Fort Polk, Leesville, and Shreveport campuses.

Webb has also made it a point to be seen on campus and spend time with students. If students are unable to make an appointment, they can stop and talk to Webb while

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Students overcome fears, needles to help others

Heather Milligan
Staff reporter

The Student Activities Board sponsored its annual NSU Demon Blood Drive last week.

After seeing the flyers posted around campus, many students asked "Why does anyone in their right mind want to have a needle jammed into their arm and blood taken from their body to be stored in a pint-sized glass vial," but it seem students have multiple reasons for donating.

> **"People's lives are on the line. I can't understand people who don't give blood because they are scared."**
>
> **Lois Davis, sophomore**

"If I ever needed blood, I would like it to be there for me," freshman Kelly Watkins said. "I also want to help people in need."

Sophomore Lois Davis has seen how patients in need of blood are affected by the shortage of donors.

"People's lives are on the line," Davis said. "I can't understand people who don't give blood because they are scared."

Many students have given blood repeatedly and continue to do so, knowing the expense of transfusions and need for blood donors.

For others, the reasons for donating may be a little more superficial.

"I love to give blood because of all the free stuff I get," junior Ilse Fisher said.

And NSU's blood drive, like most others, has an abundance of free T-shirts for those who make it through the process.

Some students do not want to give up a pint of their blood, whether due to a psychological block or just plain "lilly-liverdness." Many say the fear of the needle counts them out, while others can not stand the sight of blood.

When planning to give blood, one should not go on an empty stomach. And before the nurses "stick it to ya," they check your temperature, pulse, blood pressure, and prick a finger to check for healthy red blood cells.

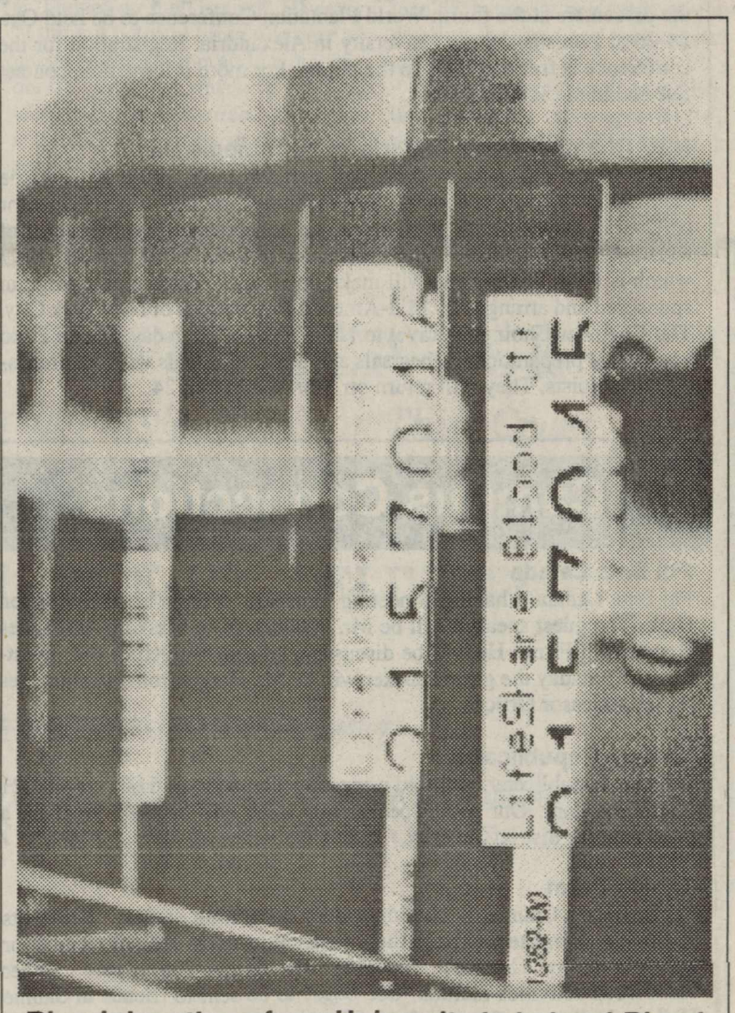
Even the most eager student may be turned away, due to an infection of some type, or other reasons such as pregnancy, having received a blood transfusion in the last year, or having had any body piercing or tattoos in the last year. And if a prospective donor has recently traveled to a malaria infested country, they will not be able to donate.

After the questions and testing are complete, the nurses take one pint of blood through a needle in the arm.

Following the donation procedure, nurses from the LifeShare Blood Center tell donors to take care of themselves for at least 24 hours.

Those who donate are told to drink fluids, eat a good meal and to abstain from strenuous activities, smoking or removing the bandage.

The side-effects of giving blood may be weakness, feeling dizzy, or a bruise where the needle was inserted, but most of the symptoms will disappear in a few hours. But there is also a positive "side-effect," the good feeling that comes from knowing that donating blood can save a life.



Blood donations from University help local Blood Centers photo by Steve Evans



This year's Homecoming Queen Kim Parker was crowned at Saturday's football game by Elizabeth Crump, 1995 Homecoming Queen photo by Eric Dutile

Student Support Services offers several forms of tutoring, counseling and academic advising

Sara Farrell
Staff reporter

At one time or another during the semester, students need help with their assignments, and many turn to the various campus tutoring services for answers.

The Student Support Services, located by the infirmary, handles an average of 50 students a week, including an increasing number of freshmen.

"We tutor for math, English, biology, chemistry, psychology, physics, history, foreign languages..a little bit of everything," Christi Martin, tutor coordinator, said. "We do most of the general areas that students are getting for their core classes."

Since it receives its funding from a federal grant, the Student Support Services especially services low-income, first generation, and handicapped students, though tutoring services never denies students in need.

"When they come in here, we do 1-hour tutoring sessions one-on-one," Martin said. "Students like the individual tutoring we do here."

"Last semester, I was having trouble with French, so I came in, and it was very helpful," graduate student Teofilo Alvarado said.

There are also, three staff counselors on hand who help students with academic study skills, time management, and test anxiety.

The Student Support Services can accommodate students from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Students may also use the Center for Academic Advising Services for Students with Disabilities on the third floor of Watson Library.

This center handles advising for freshmen and students with disabilities like dyslexia, but it also services students with a need for help, remedial or otherwise.

"Typically, there's someone here to help, but if not, we can usually work something out for the very next day," Glynn Guynes, tutor coordinator, said.

This center is open from 8 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Both centers recommend setting up appointments ahead of time to ensure aid before a class, but both also tutor students whenever time and tutors permit.

Students may also seek specialized help on campus.

Departments usually feature labs and tutors to assist in specific areas. There are athletics tutors, a math lab, a foreign language lab, and a writing center.

So, a variety of sources are available to students in need of academic help, though many individuals involved feel that tutoring services should be consolidated on campus to better accommodate students.

"We're very interested in expanding tutoring services, but we need a center," Don Barker, Director of Student Support Services, said.

News

Campus Briefs

Internet Workshops
Workshops for beginning Internet users will be held in the Watson Library Computer Lab today and Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. No previous Internet experience is required. Attendance is limited to sixteen participants per workshop. Please sign up at the Watson Library Reference Desk to reserve a slot. Additional workshops will be held depending upon demand.

Social Science Symposium
On Oct 29, a symposia will be held in the student union from 9 am to noon. Speakers and presentations will include Tim Prviett, Amanda Anderson, Dr. Susan Newton, Dr. Alex Aichinger, and Professor Samuel Lewis. In addition, Dr. Cangan will be a keynote speaker at Monjuni's restaurant following the symposia. Dr.Canagan's Achievements include a Master's degree in Economics, Law, and Sociology, and a Ph.D in Development Economics. For more information on the symposia or concerning the lunch, please see Dr. Pippin or Dr. Hillebrand, both can be reached in the social science department in Kyser Hall.

"Digital Memory"
An art exhibit by NSU Assistant Professor of Art Clyde Downs, "Digital Memory," will be on display on the first floor of the Orville Hanchey Art Gallery Oct. 21 - Nov. 8. The works in the exhibition combine photographs, elements of paintings and found textures to create images that push beyond the boundaries of storytelling and illustration into the poetics of fine art. Admission is free and open to the public. The Hanchey Gallery is open weekdays from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

New Mexico Art Exhibit
The Mrs. H.D. Dear, Sr. and Alice E. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts at NSU will host its annual New Mexico Art Exhibit Oct. 20 - Nov. 8 on the second floor of the Orville Hanchey Art Gallery. The exhibit will include works by participants in an annual trip to New Mexico led by NSU Professor of Art Dr. Bill Bryant. An opening reception for the artists will be held Sunday, Oct. 20 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is free and open to the public. The Hanchey Gallery is open weekdays from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

World Plantation Conference
NSU Professor of Anthropology Dr. Hiram F. Gregory will be among the presenters at the fourth World Plantation Conference to be held Oct. 24-26 at Louisiana State University in Alexandria. Registration for the conference is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Sue Eakin at (318) 346-2161.

NSU Chamber Choir to perform in Carnegie Hall
Northwestern's Chamber Choir will perform next spring at Carnegie Hall in New York. The choir will be under the direction of NSU Director of Choral Activities Dr. Burt Allen and accompanied by Instructor of Music Christine Allen. The performance will be on March 23, 1997 which is Palm Sunday and will make up a major segment of a program sponsored and arranged by Mid-America Productions of New York City. The Chamber Choir will travel to New York on Thursday, March 20 to begin final preparations, rehearsals and dress rehearsals with the orchestra and soloists. They will return on Monday, March 24.

Campus Connections

Phi Beta Lamda
Phi Beta Lamda is having a meeting tomorrow at noon in 108 Morrison Hall. The guest speaker will be Mr. Waskam from Waskam Associates Accounting Firm. He will be discussing student budgeting and investment. Thursday the guest speaker will be Mr. Hargis from Natchitoches Parish Assessor Office.

College Republicans
College Republicans will hold a meeting Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in 321 Student Union. Our guest speaker this week will be Billy West Jr., a candidate for district attorney.

Sabine Dorm
Sabine Dorm Council is holding a door decorating contest. Residents wishing to compete must turn their name into a dorm council member or Lynn Foret by Thursday. Judging will be on Halloween. Other Halloween activities include "boo bags" to be sent to friends in Sabine Hall on Halloween for sale for $.50 and a contest to see who can correctly guess the amount of candy corn in the container at the front desk of Sabine.

Society of Professional Journalists
SPJ will meet Thursday at 3:15 p.m. in 310 Student Union. Anyone interested may attend.

Sigma Gamma Rho
Fall Rush has been postponed until November. Watch for flyers regarding informational meetings.

Mu Epsilon Delta
Mu Epsilon Delta, a premedical health professions club, will meet Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in 107 Bienvenu Hall. Nurse Harriet Palmer will be the guest speaker.

Louisiana Association of Educators-Student Program
LAE-SP will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 3:30 in 321 Student Union. Elections will be held. There will be a Halloween Party for members and dates on Sunday, Oct. 27, ar 6:30 p.m. in 321 Student Union. If you plan on attending, you must contact Kelsey Bagnell at 628-1522 or Sara Watson at 357-5166.

Phi Beta Lamda
There will be a business meeting in 108 Morrison Wednesday at noon. The guest speaker will be Waskom and Associates Accounting Firm. Raffle ticket money is due. Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in 108 Morrison will be the alternate business meeting. Friday will be the "Battle of the Chapters and Halloween day will be the Halloween visit.

College Democrats
College Democrats will meet Wednesday ar 3 p.m. in 321 Student Union. Upcoming events and important issues will be discussed.

Current Sauce
The Current Sauce would like to apologize for not running Campus Connections in last weeks paper. We are sorry for any inconvenience this might have caused.

Interfraternity Council backing letter writing campaign for MTV

Jeremy Ekberg
Staff reporter

The Interfraternity Council is once again on the rise and ready to make things happen.

At the Oct. 15 meeting of the IFC, delegates from several fraternities on campus agreed to sponsor a letter writing campaign in order to try and persuade TCA Cable of Natchitoches to carry MTV.

Copies of a letter stating a desire for the network and requesting that the network be offered by the company will be distributed to various organizations. The unsigned letters can be signed by any individual and mailed, or returned to IPC at which time they will be mailed together.

The campaign will begin Tuesday and continue on a trial basis through the next two weeks, according to Hank Thomas,IFC president.

"The Interfraternity Council discussed it and decided it was something we would like to pursue on behalf of the community," Thomas said.

The letter reads as follows:

Dear TCA Cable,

This letter is to inform you and your associates of my interest in obtaining the network Music Television on my cable service. It has come to my attention that MTV is not offered by your company and that many citizens in the community like the network and want to view it in their homes. Please consider changing any and all policies you have in regard to this network.

It can be copied and sent to the cable company or a copy of the letter can be picked up at any IFC meeting every Tuesday at 4:15 in 320 of the Student Union.

According to Thomas, 20 letters will be given to each Greek organization, 25 to SGA and 25 to the SAB, but any individual is invited to participate.

A change can be made if all the students join together, according to Thomas, but there may be opposition from local businesses.

"Business people in the community feel that pressure from religious groups might affect their business and that this [MTV] is a sensitive issue." he said.

Thomas has already spoken with business owners in the area and found that they are unwilling to help because of fear that they will anger the cable company.

Minimum wage increase not helping University students

Steve Evans
Staff reporter

Who doesn't need or want more money?

For college students, money is more of a necessity for survival than a simple desire to collect money. When Congress passed the new minimum wage law, many people were looking forward to making more money.

For student workers, this excitement was short lived.

Because of the raise in minimum wage, student workers have taken a decrease in the hours they are allowed to work. The main reason the hours were cut is that NSU did not have the budget for the raise in minimum wage.

Shirley Scott, Coordinator of Student Employment, said that the cut in working hours will not affect the student what-so-ever.

"The student is working less hours, but is getting paid the exact same amount of money," Scott said." "The students have not complained at all."

Since the students are around less, the teachers have to pick up the extra work. The student employment department is trying to compensate by putting more students where help is needed.

Not all students are happy with working less hours.

If the minimum wage went up, we deserve the raise,"' Lauren Brown, a worker at the IM building said. "Everyone else is getting paid more why shouldn't we? The whole point in raising minimum wage is so people can support themselves."

Celest Emmons, also a worker at the IM building, doesn't like the fact that so much money is going into the beautification of Kyser Hall. Emmons thinks that not as much money should go into the project, but to the students.

Students aren't getting more money because, when NSU did their budget, the minimum wage had not increased. Now that it has, cuts in student working hours is NSU's answer. NSU rebudgets every semester. When the spring semester comes,the budget will either be increased, or students will lose more hours, or less student jobs will be available, Scott said.

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he is out interacting with the students. Students can also e-mail Webb with a problem.

Many students have taken advantage of the policy, but others may feel intimidated talking to Webb about their problems.

"I am not intimidated by talking to President Webb, but I feel that he has other important things to worry about than my problems," Kimberly Baird, social science major, said.

Webb feels that, so far, this policy has been successful and has plans on continuing it throughout his years as president.

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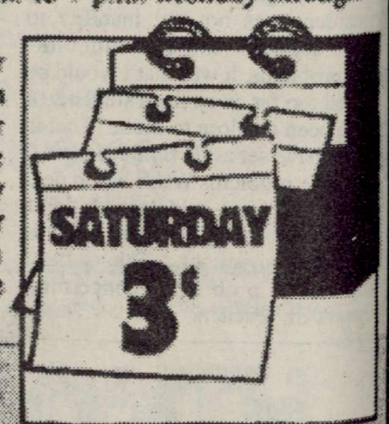
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Christian programming adds new dimension to campus radio station



Darrell Smith and Aaron Whatley play the latest in Christian radio on 91.7
photo by Eric Dutile

James Ponder
Contributing writer

"Got a request for some Van Halen. On the way we got some Marilyn Manson comin' at ya right here on the Demon, 91.7."

Many NSU students tune into KNWD for great music and a kindred sarcastic humor. They hear all kinds of music and various disk jockey personalities...most of whom they are familiar with.

Recently, KNWD picked up a NEW show.

From noon to 3 p.m. every Sunday, Natchitoches students and residents experience "Dinner on the Ground," the Demon's very first Christian Radio Program.

> **"I get the satisfaction of knowing that I'm sending a message to the students of NSU, and I love what I do."**
>
> **-Darrell Smith**

Very similar to the 9 to 12 show on Sunday, this "order of the day" plays the same style of music. The only major difference is that the lyrics send a positive message to the community promoting Christianity .and a Christ-like spirit.

You may ask yourself, "Why have a Christian Radio Program on the Demon?"

Darrell Smith, NSU senior and a "Dinner on the Ground" DJ says, "I think it helps to bring a variety of music to the station and to the students. Christian music is not just what you hear in church. There are a lot of good groups in the profession."

And for Smith, this job isn't about fame or money.

"To me, there's more than just money or fame as a reward," Smith said. "I get the satisfaction of knowing that I'm sending a message to the students of NSU, and I love what I do."

Aaron Whatley, a junior business education major and the other DJ for "Dinner on the Ground" agrees.

"It does send a message to the students, and exposes them to the similar styles of music that they're used to hearing on the Demon- groups like MXPX, POD, Plank Eye, News Boys, and Jars of Clay."

But why call the show "Dinner on the Ground?"

"It's kind of a personal inspiration of the experience you witness in a church congregation after the sermon where everyone has brought something different to eat outside on the church grounds...A huge variety of cuisine," Whatley said.

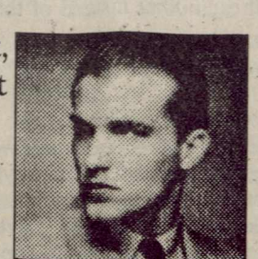
Now that there is a Christian program coming over the air, the questions are how well it will be accepted and how long it will last.

According to Whatley and Smtih, KNWD was very open to the idea of having a new type of program on the radio and they appreciate this chance.

Aaron and Darrell both hope that eventually more openings will make the program available on the station.

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Our View

NSU's midterm grades

Since all students are fortunate enough to get their midterm grades this week, the Current Sauce thought it would only be fair that the University receive its own "midterm grades."

Here they are.

President Webb is doing a great job during his first fall semester as our "fearless leader." His new open door policy seems to be working. Webb can be seen at many campus events, visiting with students and has been known to answer students' e-mail. But it did take the Current Sauce two weeks to get a reporter in to see Webb for a story about his new policy. A-

One of the smaller, yet significant departments on campus received provisional accreditation last week. All those months of hard work and

"The administration....finally found someone to drive a shuttle bus..... The problem now is getting someone to ride it."

stress in the Journalism Department seem to have paid off. Now we have a chance to be one of the top-rated journalism schools in the country. Students and faculty can take a few days off, relax and begin working again, to make sure the accreditation goes through. After all the hard work, they could receive nothing less than an A+.

Parking on campus certainly deserves a grade, but what grade should it be? There are still many parking tickets being given out, and students are still complaining about not having any place to park. The administration finally listened to student complaints (the Current Sauce likes to think it had something to do with the pressure applied here), and found someone to drive a Shuttle Bus from Kyser Hall to Prather Coliseum. The problem now is getting students to ride it. D

This brings us to another area that deserves grading- the student body. They love to complain about everything that is going wrong on campus, but rarely get involved. The Current Sauce receives letters to the editor only when we choose to run something totally "off the wall." Funny, it seems every time someone is mouthing off- they always have the perfect solution. Let's hear it. D

Our football team is doing a fabulous job this season. This was supposed to be an off season, but we have surprised everyone, including ourselves with our 4-2 record. Way to go Demons! A-

Student activities are also improving this semester. An emphasis on tail-gating parties, complete with alcohol, seems to have raised student interest in football. The administration seems to have given some thought to this. Maybe this is what it takes to have motivated fans. A+

What college report card would be complete without a grade for the food? While Aramark does a good job of providing nutritional substances, it is still your basic cafeteria food, although we do get a kick out of seeing how many different names a chicken breast can have. When can we get a fast food franchise on campus, like Louisiana Tech? D-

And of course, our faculty members are superb. (We aren't just saying this because the editorial staff needs good grades- hint, hint.) A+

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Columnist gets screwed at local fast food drive-in

The Gospel of Jeff

Jeff Burkett

Typical situation: You go to get something to eat. You make your order, you pay for the food, you get the food, and it is not what you ordered.

As a matter of fact, it doesn't even look like the picture of the food that is on display. What in the hell is going on? What it all boils down to is, people do not give a rat's ass about putting pride in their work.

I know we have all heard the stories from our wise elders telling us , "how good things were in the old days" and how "craftsmanship and attention to detail were everything". Well then, take me back to the 1800's, because people's work ethic in this day and age sucks!

Let me share with you the reason for my current mood. It all started with waking up the other day. Although I dreaded facing another miserable day of human existence, I dragged myself out of bed anyway. I put on some clothing, took some aspirin (for the hangover), got in my vehicle, and began my quest for sustenance.

My expedition down "The Strip" led me to the house of the McArches, where I reluctantly pulled in to the drive-thru lane.

After sitting in line for what seemed like a cockroach's lifetime, I arrived at the ordering spot. Looking at the massive banner o' food, I chose the item that would be the least likely to make me puke.

Inhaling exhaust fumes from the monster pick-up truck in front of me, I began to feel my stomach quiver as I pictured eating the burger that I had selected from the new XXX (adult only) menu. I figured that if the giant corporation, which so named this facility after itself, had meant this to be eaten by adults, then they would have considered that most adults only eat this crap when they are hung over, and made it gentle to my gullet!

When I finally arrived at the first window, the young lady working there seemed to be annoyed at me because she actually had to reach outside her glass sanctuary to make the transaction. She glared at me, with the look of eternal damnation in her eyes, when I did not produce the correct change that she had requested over her headset. Without a word, she handed the difference back to me, and slammed her cage door so fast that I almost lost a finger.

After more waiting, I finally was rewarded by pulling up to the second window, where I was to end my quest for the life restoring meal. The next worker in this nightmarish expedition was a little nicer, only because she saw how pitiful I looked.

Gently, she handed me the beverage, which I tore into like a starved vampire to a paper cut. And then my meal-in-a-bag, from which I smelled the aroma of a 15 minute old burger and stale fries.

I raced home faster than a frat guy to a keg party. In no time, I was emptying the contents of the bag.

The burger box, the fry carton, and ketchup packets spilled onto my coffee table.

The fries were gone in no time, and I had my eyes fixed on the main course, the burger. Ordered with all of the little extras, and made especially for me, I opened the box.

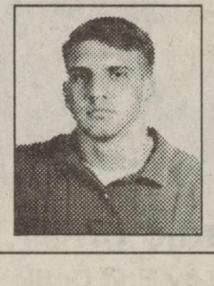
Quickly, I snatched the burger into my hands. I was ready for the bacony, cheesy, beefy taste to dominate my palate. My eyes bulged as I got a mouthful of mayo, ketchup, and lettuce.

What was going on? I was confused. My head began to spin, I could not think straight.

What went wrong? I lifted the bun to see a huge glob of condiments and nothing else!

No cheese, no bacon, and most of all NO BEEF!

Letter from "well-intentioned" Greek draws serious criticism



Editor's note

Andrew Martin

After nearly two months of not finding anything that I felt like writing about, I think that I might have finally stumbled across something.

Actually, someone provided me with the first topic in a while that I couldn't resist.

A letter to the editor by Dan Helms ran on this page last week, berating anyone and everyone who is not Greek.

The letter was blatantly insulting and managed to do very little, besides setting relations between Greeks and the rest of the campus back about 20 years.

I, like many other people on this campus (both Greek and non-Greek, I'm sure) found this letter to be highly offensive for a multitude of reasons.

First, to refer to anyone who is not a member of a Greek organization as a "GDI" (an acronym for G*d Damn Independent) is incredibly insulting.

Maybe Mr. Helms should have an acronym of his own. Insert your own joke here.

One can easily draw a parallel between this kind of slanderous generalization and the kind of inspired literary genius that one tends to find written on the desktops and bathrooms in Kyser Hall.

As a matter of fact, if Mr. Helms would have used the same kind of generalization in regards to race or religion, he would have been quickly lumped into the same category with hate mongers such as the KKK, Black Panthers and skinheads. Fortunately for us, Mr. Helms chose a much less volatile subject.

As a member of a Greek organization, I can say that I found this letter to be an embarrassment to both myself and the Greek community.

Letters like the one that Mr. Helms wrote portray Greeks as oafish, hateful morons who feel a certain unwarranted degree of superiority over those who do not belong to a Greek organization.

This is the taste that I'm sure the letter left in many people's mouths, yet Mr. Helms tries to show Greeks as the most positive thing on this campus.

Doesn't make a lot of sense, does it?

The letter says that Greek members "should be shown a little gratitude." Letters like these encourage non-Greeks to show Greeks a little hostility, not the gratitude that Mr.Helms wishes to inspire.

The Greek system as a whole is in a nationwide state of decline. Greeks are constantly portrayed as a bunch of binge-drinking, date-raping nimrods (a reputation that is partially deserved, but by no means are Greeks as bad as the media would want you to believe). Mr. Helms only manages to continue to tarnish the reputation of the Greek system by writing a letter like this.

If Mr. Helms is so concerned about the "bad mouthing" that the Greek system gets, then maybe he should encourage the Greek system to get more involved in the community and remind those who do the "bad mouthing" of the good aspects of Greek life (yes, there are quite a few; some of them even transcend the virtues of an increased alcohol tolerance).

The Greek system is desperately in need of some humility, as humility is a virtue that can help make up for previous mistakes and make people a lot easier to get along with.

Mr. Helms' letter does nothing to encourage that character trait and, in fact, makes Greeks look like a bunch of pompous asses.

Thanks a lot for the "helpful" facelift for our previously bad image. I'm sure the Greeks have a lot more respect now. Don't try so hard next time.

The letter goes on to make it sound as if that the Greek system is wholly responsible for all of the leaders, events and other "cool" things on campus.

This is wrong and frankly makes me mad as hell.

People who run organizations are in charge because of who they are and what they are capable of. To say that Carlton Downey; president of the SGA and Mr. NSU, and Tait Martin; president of the SAB, are in their respective positions because they are Greek is an insult to them and their abilities.

Am I editor of the Current Sauce because I am a member of a Greek organization? I think not.

Those of us who lead on this campus are doing so because we applied ourselves, not because we have a few party shirts and and active badge.

Don't forget that we are all individuals first. Everything else, including our Greek affiliations,

Letters to the Editor continue to roll in at record pace

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the article last week by the smoker that took offense to the new smoking situation in Roy Hall.

I think it was a wonderful idea to change the area in which smokers go to light up. Even though you may not be one of the many that threw your cigarette butts on the ground, the smoke still affects everyone who walks into the building.

Don't get me wrong, I respect your rights as an American to smoke. I also respect the fact that you are addicted to the lung-decaying tobacco, but this gives you no right to slowly kill others in the process.

I feel that non-smokers should have some rights on this campus, too. For someone like me who has to take allergy shots and medication because of cigarette smoke, I don't feel that I should have to hold my breath every time I plan to enter a building on this campus. I can't go into the Student Union because the smell of smoke spills over into the halls. I definitely feel I have to hold my breath as I go into any of the entrances to Kyser Hall.

This subject angers me so much every time it is brought up. Smokers get so offended when they are put down. Do you not understand the danger you are causing yourselves as well as others who don't smoke?

I am glad to see that one building on this campus has a designated smoking area. Maybe, eventually, it will happen all over the campus. They may even give you smokers your own building, so you can slowly kill each other instead of the rest of us.

Ashley Dean

Dear Editor,

KNWD 91.7FM is Northwestern's very own student run and operated radio station. We, KNWD, serve the students of Northwestern by providing a broad variety of musical formats that students may not be able to hear on commercial radio stations.KNWD plays modern rock music, urban, gospel, jazz, and has multiple other specialty shows.

We have also been publicizing campus events in order to get students more involved. Most recently we have pushed Homecoming, the Half Niter, the blood drive, NSU sports, and have even brought in 2 Live Crew for an autograph session in the Alley

KNWD has also recently made an agreement with the NSU Journalism department to begin providing news and information to the students. You can listen to the latest news on KNWD at 8:30am, Noon, and 5pm.

The station consists of about 70 volunteer student disk jockeys, all of whom work at KNWD for the pure fun and learning experience. If anyone is interested in joining the KNWD staff, stop by our studios located in 109 Kyser hall.

I am always glad to receive comments on the radio station, whether they are positive or negative. One can reach me by e-mail at KNWD@alpha.nsula or by phone at 357-4180. But, remember, if you tune into KNWD and find that you may not enjoy a particular show, you do have the power to change the dial. Or, better yet, listen to the station and see if you can broaden your musical horizons (you may find a new form of music that you enjoy).

Serving the students of Northwestern, we are the Demon 91.7FM.

Buddy Wollfarth

Dear Editor,

This regards Dan Helms' "Greek Member Takes a Stand on Negative Stereotyping of Greek System on Campus," from the October 15, 1996 issue.

Mr. Helms claims not to slander non-Greek students. However, through referring to them as "GDI's," he blatantly insults those with any intelligence. He also claims, in a round about way, that without Greek organizations, non-Greek students would have no extracurricular activities in which to involve themselves. This is an obvious fallacy, as there are many organizations, apart from the Greek system, on campus and not all of them are run by Greek students.

In addition, Helms' grammar is atrocious. His ignorance reflects upon the entire Greek system, as he appears to speak for the whole. When speaking for a group that large, eloquence and exactness of speech is a must; lest the negative stereotype be reinforced.

I do not mean by my criticism to condemn the entire Greek system. It is simply an attempt to relieve myself of some of the injustice I felt at reading Helms' letter. Although I am not a member of the Greek system myself, I was truly offended by his crude and base portrayal of them, as I was of his portrayal of non-Greek students. We are all one student body. Why can we not live and learn as such?

Jenny Vance

Sports

Demons stomp Bearcats in Homecoming Game

Jerry Rushing
Staff reporter

The Demon football team got back on track with a huge 38-21 homecoming victory over the Sam Houston Bearcats.

With the win the Demons move to 4-2 on the season and more importantly 1-1 and tied for first in the Southland Football League.

> **"This was a total team effort in the second half."**
>
> **Head Coach, Sam Goodwin**

"This was a total team effort in the second half", Coach Goodwin said after the game. The stat sheet after the game showed that two of three players almost rushed over 100 yards.

QB Warren Patterson was the Demon who fell short of 100 yards, finishing with 84 for the game. Anthony Williams had 119 yards on the ground, and a 70 yard run for a touchdown. Brian Jacquet added 114 yards on the ground.

The Demons went into the locker room at half-time leading 14-6. After Mike Stone fumbled the second half kick-off, the Bearcats got a quick touchdown and a two point conversion to tie the game at 14-14.

Pat Palmer then got on a roll and caught two long balls for touchdowns. Palmer had a eye popping 165 yards on 5 catches.

The Demons had 599 total yards in the game and totally dominated the second half, setting a record for total offense in a game in the Sam Goodwin era.

Offensive Coordinator Steve Mullins was given a lot of the credit by Goodwin for changing up the Demon play rotation in the second half. Mullins took it in stride though, saying that "it was the kids that executed the plays all I did is call them with the help of our coaching staff."

The defense also came up big in the game. Matt Slate, Jermaine Jones, and Kenny Wright had interceptions. Coach Pevito's defense worked like a charm in the second half after the Bearcats scored the quick touchdown after Mike Stone fumbled the second half kick-off. Stone, although he fumbled, played a excellent game with the special teams and on the defensive side of the ball. Clint Loggins played like a man possessed as he had four or five bone crushing hits.

The Demons take a break from conference play this week as they travel to play Youngstown State in Ohio. The Penguins won the national title two years ago and look tough again this year as they are rated in the Top Twenty-Five poll again this year in I-AA. If the Demons play like they did against Sam Houston, they will be coming home from Ohio with another victory.



Pat Palmer helps secure the homecoming victory over Sam Houston Photo by Eric Dutile

Shreveport-Bossier City radio stations to carry four NSU football games

Kenn Posey
Sports editor

Four of the Demons' football games will receive air time in Shreveport-Bossier area starting with the showdown against Nicholls State. KLKL-FM aired this game while the three other games will be aired over KFLO-AM 1300.

The next three games to be broadcasted is Youngstown State, Oct. 26; Troy State, Nov. 9; and McNeese State, Nov 16.

New Athletic Director Greg Burke is pleased with the support received from the sponsors which make these broadcasts possible.

"We're grateful to our sponsor for making these live broadcasts possible for our many supporters in the Shreveport-Bossier area," Burke said. "We plan to provide comprehensive live radio coverage in the future for this area. We're happy to get the ball rolling this season."

Students of the Shreveport-Bossier area are pleased to hear that these station will be carrying the Demon's action.

Robert Hable, senior pre-pharmacy major, said that this makes up for not being be there.

"I have always enjoyed the games and when I can't be there it is still good to here the play by play action," Hable said.

Hable a resident of Haughton says he plans to listen to the upcoming games on the participating station.

Jon Endsley, senior nursing major, stated that it would be good to have a station in the area that would carry Northwestern games.

"I often work in Shreveport on the weekend and do not always get to attend the home games much less the away games, I will definitely listen," Endsley said.

Other students do not think that this will contribute much to fan support.

Brian Beasley, senior physical exercise science major, stated that listening to the radio will not be able to compete with actually being at the game. "The game environment is what makes the game an enjoyable experience, although it will be good to have the option of tuning in," Beasley said.

The broadcasts are being underwritten by J. Michael Wilburn, Certified Financial Planner; Hargrove Insurance; The Wooden Spoon; and Manpower Temporary Services.

Basketball scrimmage shows promise for upcoming season

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

Northwestern Demons challenged one another in the intrasquad scrimmage at the Pancake Basketball Breakfast, Saturday morning at Prather Coliseum.

Getting ready for the season, the Demons were divided equally into the purple and white teams having their fifth practice against one another. The scores were close but the purple won the scrimmage 45-43 in two 10-minute halves.

Newcomer, Cedric Nickelberry, scored 11 points in Saturday's scrimmage. Nickelberry, a freshman from Jackson, Miss., hit 5 of 8 shots from the field in 17 minutes to help out his purple team.

Brock Littles, a junior college transfer from Three Rivers Community College (Mo.), added 10 points for the Purple team going 3-for-6 from the three point range to aid the victory.

"The scrimmage went well," Head Basketball Coach, J.D. Barnett, said. "We only have 32 practices left to prepare for the season. This was only our fifth time together, so we haven't covered too much."

Barnett commented on how returning to a new season would be just like starting a new class. "This will be a review course for our returning players, but for our new players, it is something very different.

College basketball is different from high school basketball. Every coach has a different philosophy. This is just an accelerated class in basketball."

According to Barnett, the new players are impact players and, so far, they seem to be playing well. As far as returning players, Barnett said they have improved.

"I am pleased with my returning players. I can see an improvement in Ryan Bundy and Stephen Barnes, and those are a few to say the least," Barnett added.

Barnett seemed concerned about Gerald Hollands, an injured player from last year, whether or not he would be able to play after having an ACL operation.

"Hollands is a 6"4 interior player and his quickness is used. He has to have trust in his knee to be able to be fast and be more active," Barnett said.

Barnett is pleased with the team's attitude and said that their effort is outstanding. He is looking forward to another season of Demon basketball.

The Demon Basketball team is also looking for volunteer student managers. Anyone interested should contact Dwayne Olinger, assistant basketball coach, at 357-4274 for more information.

Volleyball Team loses three tough matches on the road

Jerry Rushing
Staff reporter

1The Lady Demon volleyball team had a tough time this past week on the road losing all three matches.

The first match of the week was against Centenary 3-1(8-15,14-16,15-12,15-8). Andria Zegac led the Demons with 49 assists and Heather Krolczyk had 11 kills in the match.

On Friday, the Demons traveled to Lake Charles to play McNeese. They lost that match 3-0 (15-4,15-5,15-5). Delphia Livings led the Demons with 8 digs in this match. The team then traveled to Thibodaux to play Nicholls State,where they lost 3-0.

The women are back home all next week to the friendly confines of Prather Coliseum.

They will play Southern on Thursday and then host Northeast on Saturday in a Southland Conference game. Starting times for both games are set for 7:00 PM. Come out and support the women as they hope to get on the winning track again this week at Prather.

"N" Club honors two families

Philip Wise
Staff reporter

Northwestern State's 'N' Club, the university's athletic alumni organization, recognized two families which have produced two generations of outstanding players for the Demons.

The Wright and the Gaspard families were honored Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Purple and White Room of the NSU Athletic Fieldhouse. The two families were the only two in the history of Northwestern that have produced a father and two sons who were football letterwinners for the Demons.

Ted Wright played quarterback in the single wing and Jimmy Gaspard was a tackle on the Demons' 1939 undefeated team. The two graduated together and joined up with the Navy in 1940 to serve in World War II.

Steve and Kim were the legacy of Jimmy Gaspard. They followed in their dads' footsteps. Steve played wide receiver and tight end from 1966-69 for the Demons, and played for the undefeated 1966 team. The younger son Kim played offensive line in 1974-75.

Wright's sons, Stuart and David, played for the Demons in the 1970s. Stuart was the quarterback

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Homecoming Athletes of the Week: Demon Offensive Line

Philip Wise
Staff reporter

Carrying us to a victory over Sam Houston, the offensive line has been designated as the "Athlete of the Week."

Demons offensive line has been putting points on the board with endless vigilance, earning them the right to carry their heads with pride.

Stuart Archer, Jody Ferguson, Shawn Baumgarten, Archie Robinson, Clint Stuart and Tom Casey list as the starting offensive line. With their combined effort, they were able to over come the "second half blues."

Tom Casey is a very prominent player for the Demon line. He is one of the strongest offensive lineman, benching 385 pounds and power clean at 311 pounds.

"Many people were beginning to doubt us, they did not think we had what it took to hold up the second half of the game," Tom Casey, 6-4, 293 pound, senior left guard said. He also added, "The game Saturday was very important to us, we wanted to show everyone that we were more than a 'first half football team' and that we could hold strong the entire game, we did."

The Demons are ranked fourth in the nation with their 469.5 yard total offense average, this would be an impossible feat with a competent line of offense.

Steve Mullins Offensive Line Coordinator said, "They played very well Saturday. They had a long hard week in preparation for the game, and they responded with great diligence." " They are a great group of guys, who work hard together in order to get the job done. I enjoy working with all of them," Mullins added.

Head Coach Sam Goodwin had a few comments about the offensive line, "Well, there an ugly bunch, but seriously they are very deserving of the "Athletes of the Week" award.

"They love to play the game and are good at what they do." When asked who he would pick to be the best over-all lineman he said, "I can't single out just one player, they all play very consistent. As far as records go, Jody is graded very high but they all play very well."

One of the three starters who returned to the offensive line with great strength and agility is Jody Ferguson.

He was graded very high in the NSU vs. Sam Houston game. "We were let down a couple of times in the last few games, so we were determined to perform with more intensity in order to make up for lost ground.

In the future, we will only get better," Ferguson, 6-1, 307 pound, senior, right tackle said.

Three letter veteran Shawn Baumgarten, a force to be reckoned with, said, "We are trying really hard to keep the pace up. We try each week to get a good practice to make every thing work out." Baumgarten ,6-1, 322 pound, senior, right tackle suffered from a pinched nerve in his neck last spring, but it has not effected his performance much at all.

Stuart Archer was optimistic with his views about the line. "We played a solid four quarters, we have the potential to be the best offensive line in the conference."

The rest of the line up for the offensive line are Brian Bailey 6-4, 297 junior, left tackle, Rawleigh Fisher 6-3, 264, left guard, Joe Dan Martin 6-0, 263 freshman, center and Joel Ferguson 6-0, 295 senior, right guard.

As demonstrated Saturday, the Demon offensive line is a full time, big time blocking machine, that any defense will have problems penetrating to the inside.

They have had a few shaky games in the past, but they have and will continue to prove why they are the "Athletes of the Week."

Rodeo team starts off semester placing high in events

DeAdrian Alexander
Staff reporter

Thus far, the men's rodeo team has had two college rodeos.

In the first intercollegiate rodeo of the season, Josh Johnson won first place in the bull riding competition in St. Pleasant, Texas, and Lane Holland won the long round this past weekend in Huntsville, Texas.

"In both rodeos that we've competed in, our team did quite well," Chad Hagan said.

"At the first rodeo we were in secondplace, and I imagine we got pretty close and got quite a few points this time too," said Matt Gillen.

Also placing this weekend were Todd Covington; second in calf roping, Chad Hagan and Scott Welch; third, and Steven Perkins and Hagan; fourth in team roping.

The rodeo team has a new advisor this semester and the team members are quite happy with the change. "
Dr. Pace was the rodeo adviser a while back and he knows what's going on. He just needs to be brought up to date on the new rules. He does a good job. He sees that we stay in line, get everything in on time and he makes sure that we don't get in trouble," Hagan said.

The team has 10 college rodeos. Four this fall and six in the spring. The top two all-around teams in each event will compete in the college finals in South Dakota.

Everyone in the rodeo is called the long run. They compete on one head of stock. Saturday night, they bring the Top 10 back in each event (there are nine events). The Top 10 compete on other head of stock.

They average of the two scores and points added determines the winner. The Top four in each round usually win money and points to go toward the end of the year.

"If the whole team can do well, then the whole team will be able to go to the finals rather than just an individual in an event," Hagan said. "You have two different teams. You have a men's team and a women's team. You can have up to six members on the men's team. You can have more than that for the whole school, but the other people will have to compete individually. The women's team can have up to four members, but we only have three," Gillen said.

Qualifications for the team depends on the member's status from the previous rodeo. " Dr. Pace doesn't necessarily take you off the team if you have a bad rodeo. If you don't accumulate any points over a continuous period of maybe three rodeos, someone that's not on the team and doing well will be swapped with you," Hagan said.

"We're going for the best for the team. If somebody that's not on the team made points and somebody on the team didn't, then you want the person on the team that's making points. That way, the team can do better," said Gillen.

Rodeo competition seems to be a thing of the past at Northwestern. The closest rodeo competition this year is in Lake Charles, at McNeese which will be next semester. "They were held at the coliseum in the '80s and the rodeo team fizzled out until four or five years ago. They haven't had a rodeo competition since then," Hagan said.

Hagan believes that since the team has a new adviser who knows what's going on, they will have a rodeo competition at home in the next year or two.

Members of the team do not have the facilities at Northwestern to practice so they must go home during the week in order to practice.

"There's not a place on campus for us to practice, to keep cattle, or to keep our horses. I live in Leesville and I go home and practice two or three times a week," Hagan said.

"That's another thing that our new adviser is trying to work on and get us a place that we can practice on campus and have cattle," Hagan said.

Members of the team said they all grew up around it (rodeoing) with their families. "I grew up on a cattle farm in Grensburg, La.," Covington said.

All team members agree that they are very competitive "This is probably the best and most competitive team we've had since the rodeo team started up again six years ago," Hagan said.

"I'm just happy to be here at a good school with all my buddies," Jones said.

The team has been very competitive in the past two rodeos and they hope to continue their success through the next semester and represent Northwestern to the best of their ability.

Phi Beta Lamda members attend State Conference in Baton Rouge



Members of Phi Beta Lamda during a recent conference in Baton Rouge

Lorianne Nelson
Contributing writer

Fifteen members of Phi Beta Lambda spent last Saturday attending the Louisiana Fall Leadership Conference on the LSU campus at Baton Rouge.

Phi Beta Lambda is the collegiate version of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) and works to prepare college students to enter the professional world after graduation. Conferences like this one provide workshops that cover work related topics, and allow students to make contacts with professionals already in their field.

The members of Phi Beta Lambda LSU hosted this conference and arranged for the four guest speakers. The workshops offered were: Total Quality Management, Managing Diversity, Career Planning Managing up and Money Management.

Some of the speakers were Professors from the university, and other business professionals from Frito-Lay, Bell South Mobility, and Bank One.

The luncheon included a Keynote Address from Buddy Roemer, who discussed some principles of business he has learned through his experiences.

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Northwestern State's 'N' Club, the university's athletic alumni organization, recognized two families which have produced two generations of outstanding players for the Demons.

The Wright and the Gaspard families were honored Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Purple and White

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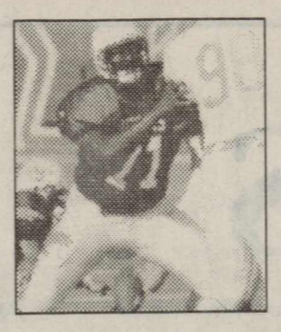
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Former NSU professor facing four counts of mail fraud in second federal indictment

Andrew Martin
Editor-in-Chief

Former Northwestern associate professor and alumni William J. Long has been indicted on charges of mail fraud by a federal grand jury in Beaumont, Texas.

Long and three other men have been indicted following their involvement in a scam that victimized Texas law enforcement agencies, schools and sportsmen.

The scam was built around a device that Long and others called the Quadro Tracker, which they falsely claimed could be used to detect contraband.

Long and the others indicted marketed the device by saying that the Quadro Tracker operated on the allegedly scientific principle of matching molecular emissions from the substance or object being searched for to the molecular emissions in a locator card carried in the device.

According to the indictment, the marketing literature dealing with the Quadro Tracker falsely represented that the device contained an inductor, conductor, oscillator as well as a pre-programmed chip in the locator card for each type of contraband; which included everything from illegal drugs to guns and explosives.



Long

Despite Long and others' claims about the Quadro Tracker and its capabilities, X-ray and other scientific analysis of the device revealed that it consisted of a hollow plastic shell with a swivel-mounted retractable antennae similar to those found on transistor radios.

Also, the "pre-programmed locator cards" were found to be nothing more than a small piece of Xerox paper sealed between two pieces of plastic.

Scientific analyses also concluded that the operating principles that the Quadro Tracker supposedly operated on were "scientifically unsound", and the device could not operate as had been represented.

Long and others marketed and sold different models of the Quadro Trackers such as a law enforcement model or a school model with prices ranging from $395 to $8,000.

The device was also marketed through state distributors who sold the devices in other areas of the country. The distributors were not named in the indictment.

The indictment went on to say that Long and the others involved made over $800,000 dollars by selling the Quadro Tracker to distributors, law enforcement agencies, correctional facilities, schools and sportsmen from around March 1993 to January 1996.

If found guilty, Long and the others named in the indictment face up to five years in jail and/or $250,000 in fines on each of the counts.

The other men named in the indictment were Wade L. Quattlebaum, Raymond L. Fisk and Malcom S. Roe.

This is Long's second federal indictment following a jail sentence brought about by his involvement in the jobs training scandal here at the University.

NSU students learn to read the fine print of registration

Kevin Brough
Staff reporter

As students begin advising and pre-registration for the Spring 1997 semester, they need to familiarize themselves with the registration changes for the upcoming year.

"Centrally, there are no changes," according to Lillie Bell, acting registrar, "Rather, we are trying to expedite the process we have been doing in the past. In the past, thousands of letters were sent out after regular registration asking the students 'Are you attending? If not, please let us know.'"

During this period, referred to as the "14-day count," the Registrars Office took 14 class days and verified whether or not a student was attending the University.

If they were attending, their schedule was verified and placed into the computer. If it was determined that a student was not attending the University, their schedule was then removed from the computer.

This created a problem for incoming students that did not have the opportunity to pre-register during the preceding semester.

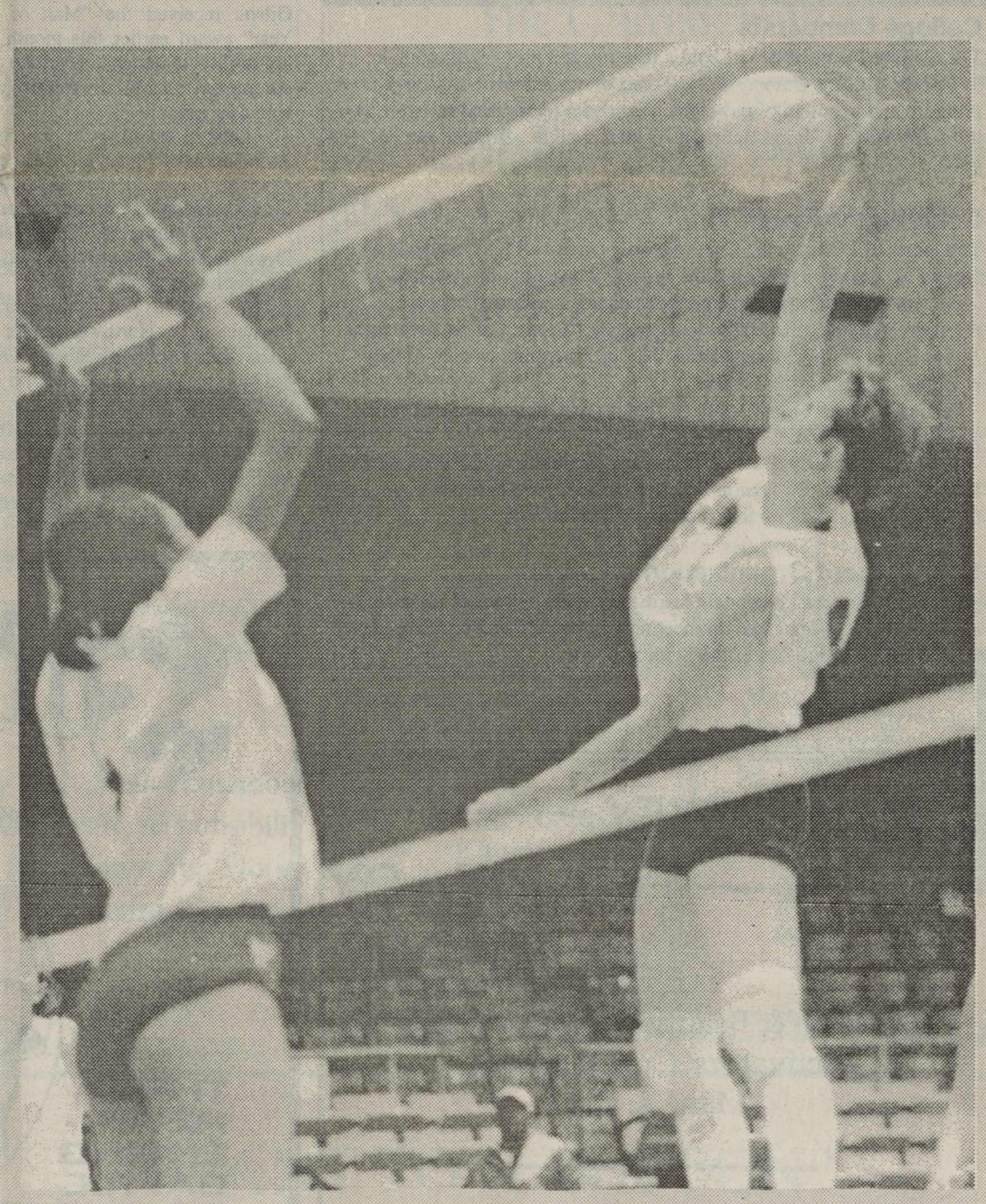
As a result, the process of verifying whether or not a student is returning to the University has changed. This year, beginning November 22, the Registrar's Office will begin sending the "Certification of Intent Form" to students that pre-registered during the Fall semester.

According to Mrs. Bell, "We can verify whether or not those that pre-registered will indeed return in the Spring."

If the student signs the Certification of Intent and returns it

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Demon volleyball improves to 6-20



Northwestern beat Southern last week improving Demon record to 6-20 heading into their weekend Southland Conference match against NLU.

photo by Steve Evans

Social Work Club helps community with time spent at area soup kitchen, school



Carrie Ann Shepherd volunteers her time at the soup kitchen here in town. photo by Tatum Lyles

Tatum Lyles
News editor

This year will be filled with activity for the members of the Social Work Club, who will spend many hours helping the community of Natchitoches by working in a soup kitchen and at an alternate school.

According to Carrie Ann Shepherd, sophomore speech pathology and art major, the Social Work Club has a special group of members called the Project Committee who help decide which activities the club will participate in.

This year, the two main projects will include helping at a soup kitchen, located on the corner of Fourth Street and Pavey, and helping students at the alternate school by providing snacks.

According to Connie Batiste, junior social work major, the soup kitchen, headed up by Maxiene Brown, is to help those people who cannot afford to eat healthy meals.

Brown provides food Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Debera Lee, Lin Andrea and Carrie Ann Shepherd keep the people who depend on the soup kitchen fed by making sure someone is there to assist Brown daily.

The members of the Social Work Club help at the soup kitchen daily by serving the customers and helping clean up.

"There are people here in Natchitoches who cannot provide sufficient food for themselves and their families, and many who come in have jobs," said Shepherd. "It is very easy to become desensitized to this, but the fact still remains that these are 'real people.'

I hope that working in the soup kitchen— and interacting with the people who depend on it— will help me to remember this."

First phase of two mile jogging track completed

Suzanne Delaney
Staff reporter

What's the newest fitness craze to hit Northwestern? No, it's not the Ab Roller Plus.

It's the newly completed first phase of a two-mile jogging track of paved and lighted fitness fun.

The initial half-mile part of the track stretches from the intersection of South Jefferson St. and Tarlton Drive to the University Columns Apartments entrance.

`According to Loran Lindsey, director of NSU's Physical Plant, the next phase of the project will extend the jogging track to La. Highway 6. Eventually the track will run along Chaplain's Lake to the edge of the NSU campus.

The initial idea came from the requests of the students and public of Natchitoches. Many people jog, walk, or ride bicycles on campus. In the past few years, the University has grown, and with this growth has come an increase in automobile traffic. Students, as well as the public, wanted a safer way to work out.

"At Northwestern, we stress, as part of the educational process, the importance of physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle," NSU President, Dr. Randall J. Webb. "What better way to promote such activity on the part of our students and employees than the construction of a track for jogging, walking, or biking?"

"This will provide opportunities for such activities in an environment designed for safety," Webb said. "It will permit individuals the added joy of viewing our beautiful campus while engaging in fitness activities."

Northwestern responded with funding through parking fees which are $15 for each student, faculty, and staff member who park on campus. These fees pay for all campus improvements.

News

Campus Briefs

Ghost Chase
Northwestern's Department of Recreational Sports will sponsor its annual Ghost Chase Wednesday, Oct. 30 beginning at 4 p.m. on the banks of Chaplin's Lake.

"The House of Blue Leaves"
The cast has been announced for the NSU Theatre's production of John Guare's "The House of Blue Leaves" by director Dr. Jim Stacy. The play will be performed Nov. 14-21 at 7:30 p.m. in Theatre West. The play is a contemporary comedy in which a late middle-aged zoo attendant still has lingering visions of being a song writer. His mistress downstairs; his wife "Bananas"; an old school chum, now a Hollywood producer; and his AWOL son, who wants to blow up the pope at Yankee Stadium, complicate his dream. Admission is free to NSU and Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts students, $4 for the general public and $2 for all other students and senior citizens. For ticket information, call 357-5015.

Guest Artist Recital
Dr. F. Gerard Errante will present a guest artist recital at the University Friday, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. The concert is sponsored by the Mrs. H.D. Dear, Sr. and Alice E. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts and the NSU Student Activities Board. Errante will perform music for clarinet along with electronic processing techniques. He will also present two lecture demonstrations at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. in Magale Recital Hall. All events are free and open to the public.

Educational Forum
An educational forum for school personnel interested in working toward a master's degree in school counseling will be held Monday, Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. at the University Center at England Airpark in Alexandria. The forum is sponsored by NSU's Division of Education. The topic will be "The Value of School Counseling for the Students, the Family and the Community."

Campus Connections

College Democrats
The College Democrats will hold a meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday in 321 of the Student Union. We will discuss our Adopt-A-Highway program and upcoming fundraisers. Don't forget the Halloween activity in the Student Union Ballroom Thursday night. Bring a canned good.

Delta Sigma Theta
The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority invite all NSU students and faculty to the events they will be hosting throughout the semester:
- DST, Iota Mu Chapter, has given recognition to breast cancer throughout the month of October as part of "Breast Cancer Awareness Month," by passing out pamphlets that inform young women of the risks and affects of this disease.
- Thursday, Delta Sigma Theta will be hosting a Halloween Costume Treat at 10 p.m. in the Red Room.
- The Ladies of Crimson and Cream will be holding a Christmas Ball Dec. 11 in the Student Union Ballroom from 8 p.m. until midnight. Couples- $8 and Single- $5. Pictures will be taken.

New Student Organization
Attention Reservists, National Guardsmen, and veterans of all branches, a new student organization meeting will be held at 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Cane River Room of the Student Union.

Schedule of Classes holds academic calender, rules for resigning and other information students might need

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

Where can a confused Northwestern student find the information he or she needs about fee payment, registration, drop dates, and school holidays?

Almost everything a student needs to know to survive the spring semester can be found in the 1997 Spring Schedule of Classes.

"In the Schedule of Classes, we have everything in there, the academic calendar, the last day to resign with 100 percent [refund], with 50 percent, the resignation policy is in there," Lillie Bell, acting registrar, said.

The spring semester schedules have a new look, or at least new information in them.

"We did change some things with the Schedule of Classes," Bell said. "We added more information this time for the benefit of the students."

The newest information in the Schedule explains the University's registration policy, and Bell explains that it is in the students' best interest if they read all the information in the Schedule instead of skimming through it while picking out their classes.

There are different resignation policies for new students and continuing students. The rules of resignation for both these groups are listed in the Schedule of Classes, Bell said.

"All the information is in there," Bell said. "I would encourage students to read; read the catalog and read the Schedule of Classes.

"Sometimes, when students come in for regular registration and have signed up for full-time load, and if they watch the academic calendar and they drop from full-time to nine hours, they won't get a refund but there are some reductions in fees. Students could save themselves some money if they would read."

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to the Registrar's Office within the time specified, the classes the student pre-registered for will be held for the upcoming semester.

Consequently, if the student fails to sign and return the Certification of Intent, the classes they registered for will be dropped from the computer.

As a result, the student will then have to re-register during regular registration.

"With this process, we are trying to do it (verifying) up front. We are trying to verify those students who have already registered, whether they plan to return to the University or not.

"Therefore, we can cancel registration for that student, drop his or her classes and free up the section for students who are already here, especially the highly demanded classes such as the zoology and computer courses" Bell said.

According to Bell, "We are trying to speed up this process and clean it up so when regular registration begins, you will have all of those free sections you can come in and register for."

"We are trying to give the students who are here the opportunity to get the classes they otherwise would not have been able to get."

Bell also noted that the Certification of Intent is not a binding contract between the student and the University, saying, "Even though you send it (Certification of Intent) to us, you still have the opportunity to change your mind."

"If you sign the Certification of Intent stating you are going to return and decide later that you do not want to return to the University, you must notify the Registrar's Office in writing that you do not plan to attend, otherwise you will still be held responsible for the fees incurred. It is the students responsibility to see that the Certification is returned within the specified time."

If you have any questions concerning the Certification of Intent or registration, contact the Registrar's Office at 357-6171 or stop by Monday through Friday from 8 to 4:30.

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Gilson named LOSFA "Man of the Year"; students approve of choice

Ben Scroggs
Staff reporter

Director of Financial Aid Gil Gilson received the "Man of the Year" award earlier this month for his ability to extensively help the community with courteous and abundant aid.

Gilson, treasurer of the State Association of Financial Aid, never expected to receive such an honor at the association's state convention.

"I was surprised," Gilson said. "I was thinking about how much the luncheon was going to cost."

Gilson has been director of financial aid at Northwestern for ten years with only one real challenge, "to increase aid to students with just a little staff," he said.

In fact, financial aid to students has increased from $600,000 to $8 million in Pell Grants and from $2 million in loans have increased to $20 million in Gilson's term.

Gilson attributes such success to the automation which helps in processing more student loans faster and discovering more loan availability.

Gilson's only regret is with his workload.

"I can't always see as many students as I want," Gilson said. "I like to sit down with students one-on-one."

Student Brandon Sanders appreciated that one-on-one style.

"I asked for loans this year and when I came in for them they told me the loans were canceled," Sanders said. "I never canceled the loans. They told me to reapply and come back in two weeks. Two weeks later I came back and they said they were still canceled after I reapplied for new loans.


Gilson

"I asked to see Gilson and he sat down with me, filled out a guarantee, and did everything right into the computer."

Jude Finn, junior radiology major, transferred from a summer session at LSUE to NSU in the Fall of 1994 and says he was grateful for Gilson's help when loans never arrived and financial records were delayed.

Finn stated, "Gilson faxed a letter to LSUE, helped defer all my payments until the end of the semester when my loan came in, and he is currently helping me get another loan."

Gilson's experience and familiarity with Natchitoches and the people who live here started when his family moved here while he was in seventh grade. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in student personnel services in 1970.

During the next three years of study for his master's degree, Gilson worked with Vice President of Student Affairs Richard Galloway to operate the student loan center, admissions, state travel with high school recruiting, Student Government Association Fund, and the disciplinary committee for fraternities and sororities.

"The practicum experience was an experience dealing with students on one side and administrators on another," Gilson said.

It is to this experience that Gilson accredits his understanding, awareness, and success that honors him as "Man of the Year."

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Sauce Heavy Metal reviewer takes a listen to very different music from Cuba, Sardinia

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

Maraca Y Otra Vision
Havana Calling
qbadisc Records



Orlando "Maraca" Valle was born into a musical family and has been playing the flute since he was 10-years-old. He's such an accomplished musician that he won the EGREM (Cuban equivalent of the Grammy's) prize for best Latin jazz record in 1995.

He also wrote and arranged three of the tracks on Cubanismo!, an album by Jesus Alemany that I have in my collection and actually listen to on a fairly regular basis. Havana Calling is Maraca's debut album with his own group, Otra Vision, and features "the cream of Havana's young jazz musicians, in collaboration with some of Cuba's greatest percussionists."

If you like both jazz and Cuban music, then Havana Calling is a disc you really don't want to miss, because it combines the best of both worlds.

The percussion is unbelievable. It has just enough Latino spice to pay tribute to its Cuban roots, but it still somehow manages to mix in well with the jazz horns and complements, rather than overpowering them.

Most of the music on Havana Calling tends to lean more toward jazz than anything, but the sixth track, "Sarabanda Kimbancero", sounds more like the traditional Cuban dance music. The drums are heavy and the percussion is all over the place.

This is the kind of song that'll make even the most spastic person want to get up and dance the Samba. (Just be sure you do it by yourself, and keep the doors locked while you're at it.)

"Nueva Era" reminds me of the theme song to the Peanuts Gang cartoons.

As soon as I heard it, I immediately developed a mental picture of the little dirty kid jigging around, spewing forth filthy fumes in all directions.

The song "Bolivia" features some of the best horn work I've heard in a long time. Actually, I don't think I've heard horns this good since the Cubanisimo! album. (No surprise.)

If you like listening to somebody wailing on the saxophone and trumpet, then this song should be right up your alley.

Overall, I have to say that I like this disc a lot. I don't like it as much as Cubanisimo!, which had stronger drum beats, but enough to where I know I'll find myself popping it into the disc player from time to time in the future.

If you already like Latin jazz, or you're just in the mood to broaden your musical horizons, then I recommend this disc to you.

Tenores di Bitti
Ammentos
AGOGOqbadisc records

This disc was recorded in Sardinia in 1986, and, for the life of me, I can't figure out why in the hell the record company didn't just allow it to remain in waiting for another 10 more years at the very least.

As soon as I pushed the play button, my immediate response was "This s—t's working on my nerves, and it's only been on for 10 seconds."

The vocals on Ammentos are tonal — I mean, really, really tonal. It seems that the same awful phrase is being repeated over and over again.

It's awful.

If you ever want to torture someone mentally, just make 'em listen to this crap through a set of headphones.

Generally, whenever I review anything non-metal, I purposely try to keep an open mind and get the full musical experience of whatever it is that I'm listening to. But in this case, I don't think anybody in all of creation could actually listen to this smegma and enjoy it.

It's horrible.

The whole time I'm typing this review, I'm laughing just because of the sheer suckiness of it all.

This is sooo bad. I can't even concentrate to type because it's cutting into my skull like Jeffery Dahmer on a particularly creative day.

People are poking their heads into the journalism lab and laughing and making nasally "nyah-nyah" sounds on the tops of their lungs. This is awful. I mean, it's good for a laugh, but only if you don't mind suffering at the same time that you're getting it.

Sweet fancy Moses, whatever you do, don't ever buy this disc. Don't ever listen to this disc at someone's house. Don't ever go into a record store that carries this disc.

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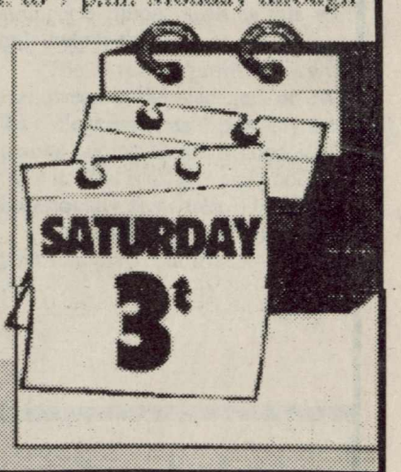
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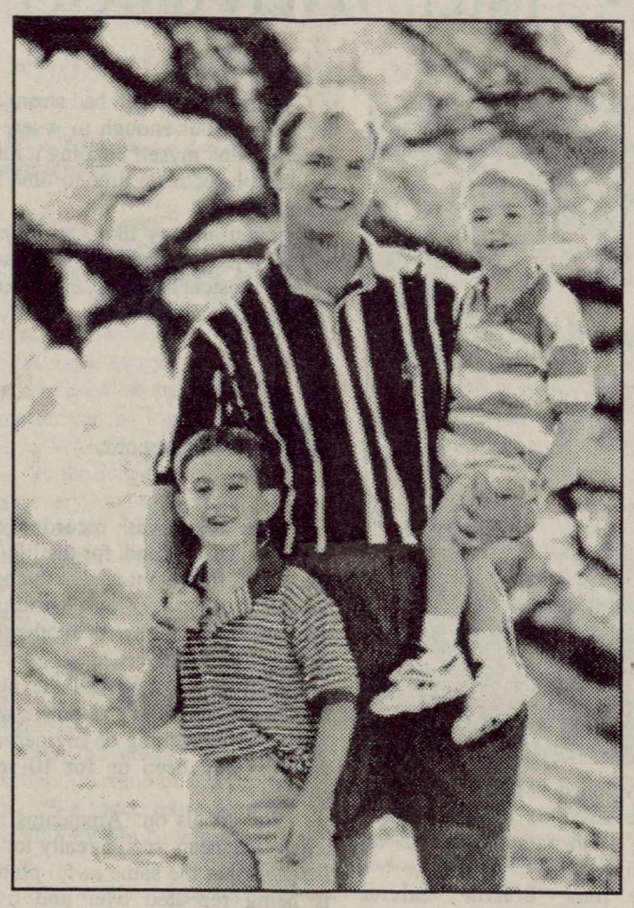
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Our View

Hey. What's going on?

Okay, the apathy here at Northwestern has finally seeped into the one sacred bastion of opinions, the one place where students could find an opinion, the Current Sauce.

After receiving comments and complaints about many of the topics we as the staff have chosen to discuss the question comes to "How are we supposed to come up with 30 wonderful and interesting topics that we feel strongly enough to talk about throughout the course of the year?"

Throughout the year we have delved into many of the controversial areas of Northwestern and also into the problem areas. But this week, there is no topic.

We are extremely sorry if this causes any mental anguish to our faithful readers but we haven't seen or heard of anything going on.

"We realize the responsibility we hold....but regretfully cannot share our opinion this week."

The editorial is a place for the reader to come to know the editorial staff. Until today, we have chosen which issues to discuss and exactly how much you the students get to know about the editorial staff and our feelings about the issues.

We realize the responsibility we hold as being part of the student media, but regretfully cannot share our opinion this week. We now ask the student body for topics that would peak their interest.

Due to the record numbers of letters to the editor, there have been many ideas, however these topics have been well covered.

Although, not having something to write an editorial about is not necessarily a negative thing.

Many other college editorials are flooded with problems about their campuses. Most editorial topics are about crime on campus or crime in the city where the school is located, so in this case, "no news is good news."

On the other hand, some of the editorials out there in the student media are about the wonderful things happening around campus that positively affect the students; in this case no topic may be a bad thing.

What we have here is a "is the glass half full or half empty" situation, so whether you are an optimist or a pessimist may have an effect on how you view this editorial.

We need something new to inspire us. We have had it with all the trivial BS. Can anyone help us?

Yes, we know we could talk about: how the parking sucks, how it is hard to find decent fast food service, and how we are discriminated against but let's face it, that's life- get use to it.

No one can foresee the future, but so far, we don't see an editorial worth writing. Again, we apologize that we as an Editorial Staff can't fulfill the needs of our readers this week. If you have a problem with it, help us out.

Look for something new, something innovative, some interest-peaking idea. We would appreciate any help that our readers can provide for us. If you do have an interesting subject for an editorial, write us.

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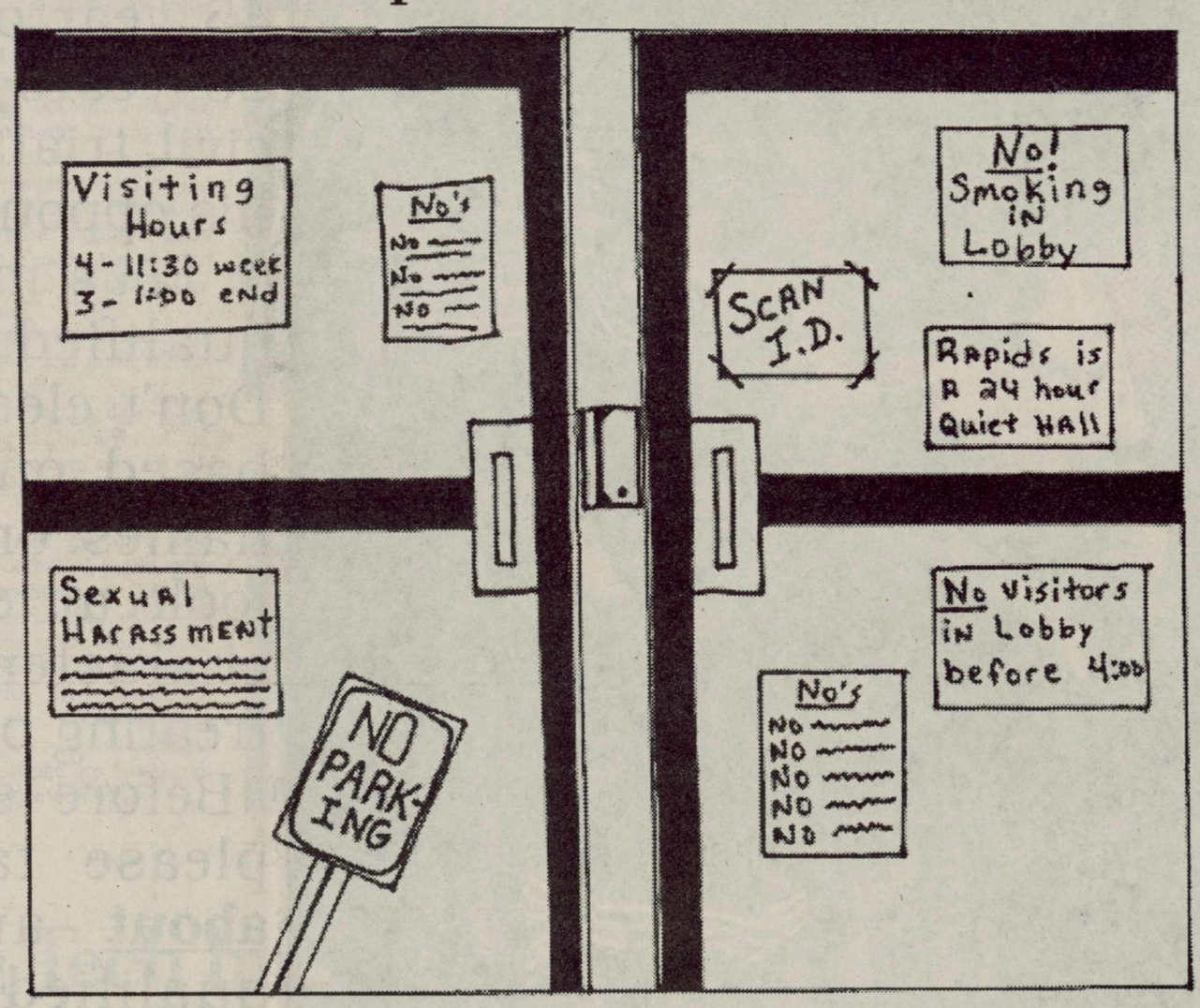
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Columnist explores history of Halloween and its role in modern society

Guest Columnist

Philip Wise

Halloween is soon approaching us. It is time to get out the old costumes or obtain new ones. Children come out dressed as their favorite character or some hideous demonic creature.

What is this saying to our young people? Is it good or bad?

I know that everyone at on time or another has dressed up to go out trick-or-treating, it seems harmless enough—or is it. How much do we really know about Halloween. Just think about it for a moment: children running around looking like witches and goblins, begging people for candy. Is this good for their mental development, you decide.

Hundreds of years before Christ was born, Britain and Ireland was inhabited by Celts, who celebrated a festival on Oct. 31st. Unlike the children's holiday of today, the Celts and the Druids, celebrated Samhain. This is a festival that defined the New Year of the Celtics, that began on Nov. 1st.

The Celts believed in this celebration that the veil that separates the living from the dead was most vulnerable. They believed that on the evening of the 31st, Hallows Eve, the dead would rise, spirits would inhabit the earth until the sun rose the next morning.

The Celts not fully understanding what the spirits might do, offered them food and sacrifices, animal or human to ensure a successful year.

Centuries later, descendants of the druids dressed as evil spirits to celebrate the Samhain Festival.

I know, what is all of this have to do with our modern day celebration of Halloween. Well to make a real long story short the Irish immigrants in the mid 1800's brought to America the Halloween customs.

This didn't go over to well at first. People running around demanding a treat or they would trick the refusing party. Eventually the Irish custom caught on and this is where we get our Halloween fun.

I have given you a brief overview of how the once a year devil fest came to be.

Enough about history, let us discuss the potential problem at hand.

Should we allow our children to participate in what was ones just a festivals for pagans; or should we let them have their fun, not knowing, with their innocence, to celebrate the demonic rituals.

Halloween is the second most celebrated party night there is, the first being Christmas. Are we in some small way trying to imitate evil spirits, I don't know?

One thing is certain, a beaming child dressed in their little red devil costume—with a pointy tail, protruding horns and a pitch fork- is no threat at all. They are not thinking of what the celebration use to be. They are just thinking of what kind of goodies they can put in their bag.

I do not believe that trick-or-treating will ever pose a problem with the development of a child, it can only enhance it. They will learn things that will help them the rest of their life, provided that their parents direct them in the right direction.

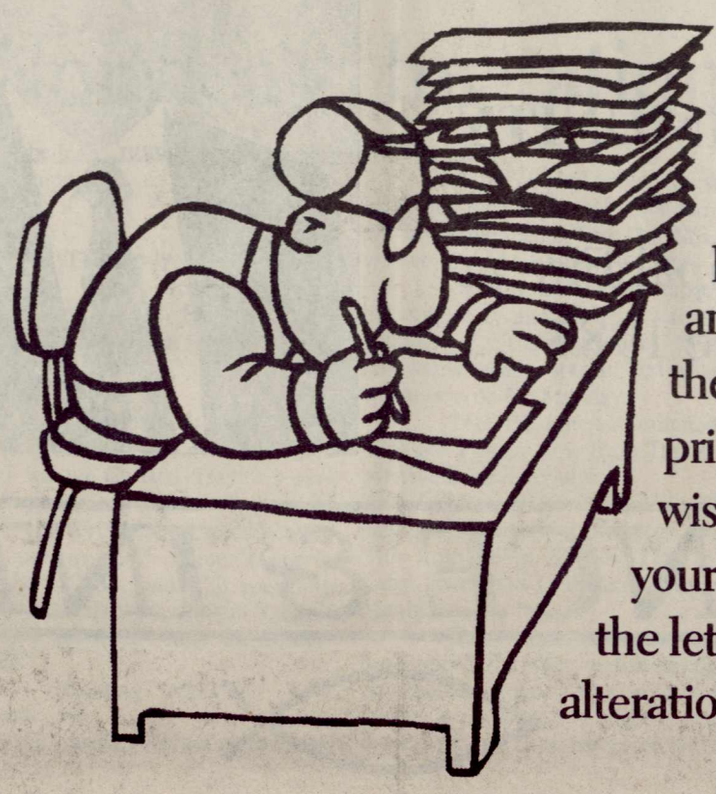
Don't get in car with strangers, look both ways before crossing the street, don't take candy from strangers: things such as this will only help a child.

The real problem with Halloween is the teenagers or even the college students. They play their pranks hoping to get a good laugh from it. That is all fine and good, but occasionally some take it to far.

So be safe this Halloween, have your fun, play your tricks—I know I will.

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Sports

Demons unable to defeat Penguins at Youngstown State

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

Youngstown State's defense didn't have to stop Northwestern State's high-geared offense Saturday.

The Youngstown State offense took care of that by taking care of the ball, holding possession for two-thirds of the game as the Penguins (6-2) pounded out a 24-14 victory over the No. 19-ranked Demons (4-3).

Northwestern touched the ball only three times in the second half. The Demons scored on their first two series on a 36-yard Pat Palmer reception and an 8-yard Anthony Williams run to creep within 17-14 as the fourth quarter began. Then, the Penguins regained control by eating 7:33 off the clock on a 16-play drive to their last touchdown.

"Give them credit because they won playing good old-fashioned football," Northwestern coach Sam Goodwin said. "It's hard to score if you don't have the ball."

Youngstown State had possession for 22 of 30 minutes in the second half, including 12 of the final 15 minutes.

Northwestern was averaging 470 yards per game, but managed only 228 despite getting 5.3 yards per play. The Demons ran just 43 plays and had the ball only 20:52, while the Penguins ran 71 plays and netted a modest 335 yards, but controlled the ball for 39:08.

"Our defense kept us in the game in the first half, and when we got our offense untracked, the defense stuffed them," Goodwin said. "But we couldn't keep it going. They made the plays and were able to drive the ball on us going down the stretch."

The Penguins netted the clinching touchdown after a controversial pass interference penalty. On third-and-11 and the Demon 29, Northwestern cornerback Keith Thibodeaux was flagged when he bumped Renald Ray at the 9 on a pass which appeared overthrown.

"I thought it was incidental contact," Thibodeaux said. "I got a great break on the ball. I thought I ran his route for him."

"The break went their way," Goodwin said. "It's a judgement call. Our coaches felt Keith made a good play and back home, it's a no call. We're in Ohio and it was a penalty."

Appropriately, YSU's last touchdown came on a third down, one of 11 (among 17 chances) converted by the Penguins. Quarterback Jared Zwick looped a perfectly-thrown 7-yard scoring pass to tight end Jake Smallfield, who was shadowed by two Demon defenders at the goalline.

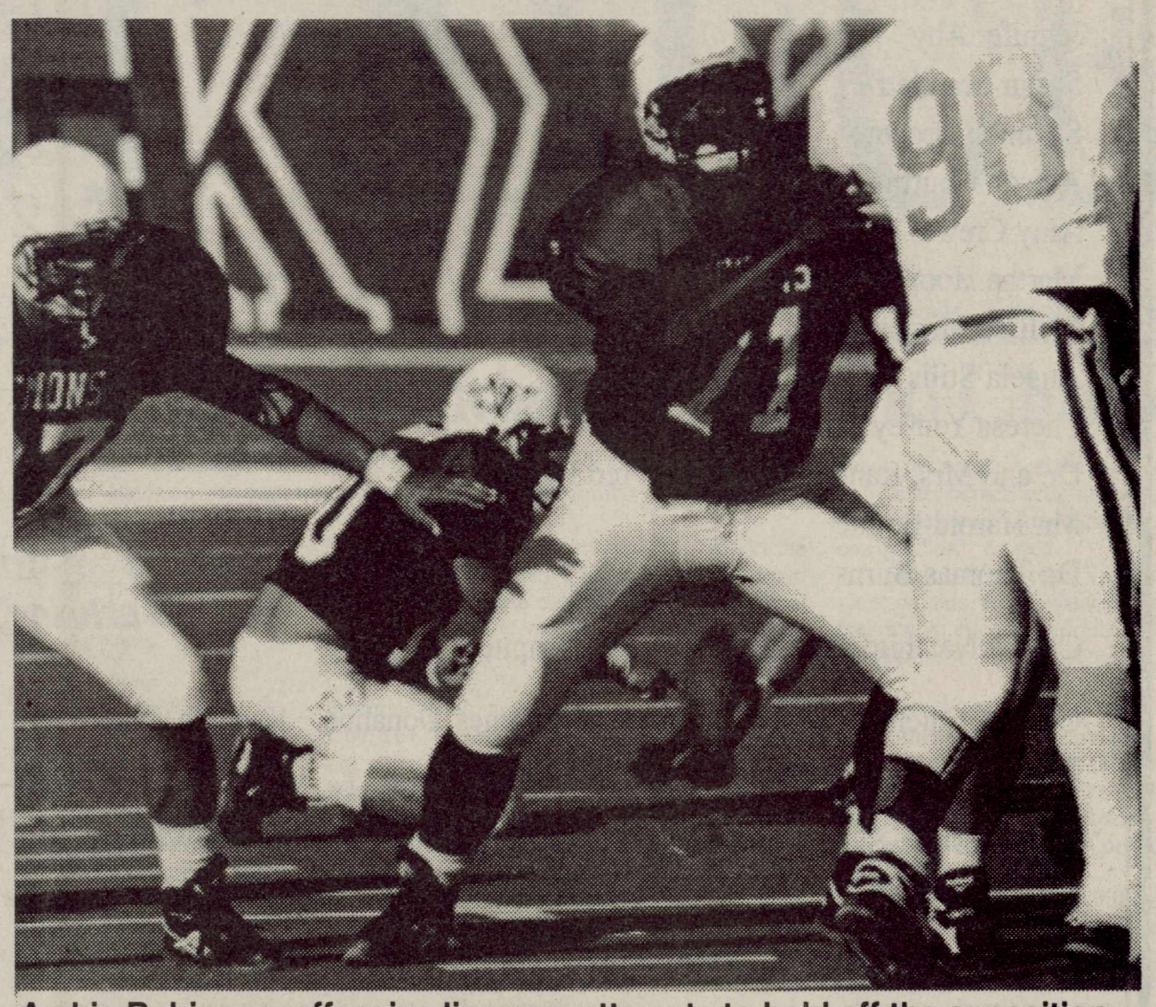
"We had two guys there but they made the play,"defensive coordinator Brad Peveto said. "If he doesn't throw it just right, it's either incomplete or intercepted."

After falling behind 24-14 with 7:23 remaining, Northwestern quickly moved downfield for the third straight time. Youngstown ended the drive with the game's only turnover, intercepting a pass at the 24 after Warren Patterson's third-down throw sailed slightly behind Adam Swales and glanced off his hands into the clutches of Tom Pannunzio.

The Penguins took over with 4:32 left to play and never surrendered the ball again.

"We're not very big defensively and they just ran straight at us, essentially," Goodwin said. "It was power football and it worked for them today."

The Demons get back into Southland Football League play when they play Southwest Texas in San Marcos on Saturday. This is a important game as the Demons are tied for first place in the conference standings with Troy State and Stephen F. Austin. Southwest Texas is coming off a 45-36 five overtime loss to Nicholls and are 4-4 overall and 0-2 in the conference.



Archie Robinson, offensive lineman, attempts to hold off the opposition.
file photo

Golf Team finishes sixth in Tech Invitational

Matt Baum
Contributing writer

The Northwestern State Golf Team finished sixth in the 1996 Louisiana Tech Intercollegiate Invitational held at Pine Hill Country Club in Calhoun, last week.

The NLU Indians won the tournament, beating the 11 team field with a 54 hole total of 891. Arkansas State finished second with 894 and Texas-Arlington was third with 895.

"I'm not too disappointed with our performance," Northwestern's assistant golf coach Scott Bergeron said. "We were the only team who progressively improved throughout the tournament, even when the playing conditions got worse, and I think that says a lot about the character of our players."

The Demon's shot 307 in the first round, 305 in the second round and closed out with 302.

Northwestern's Manuel Inman started strong with 72, 71 after the first day of play and was only one shot off the lead, But Inman, a native of Mexico, was unable to successfully cope with the rain and cooler temperatures of the second day. He finished with 77 putting him in fourth place.

"The delay on the last day affected me," Inman said. "They stopped the tournament when it was barely raining and it disrupted my rhythm. I hit it well but nothing seemed to go my way. I just did not get any breaks."

"Manuel played great," Bergeron said. "He just couldn't get any putts to drop. I think if the team works hard to improve its short game, we're going to win some."

Demon golfer Luis Arechiga placed 13th in the tournament with a 225 for three rounds, Magnus Akerstrom finished 26th with 230 and Paul Cullen closed out with 239.

NSU's Bob Wynne was hit in the head by a golf ball during the practice round. Fortunately, the injury was not serious and Wynne was able to compete in the tournament

The NSU golf team will rap up their fall schedule during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The team will play in the Columbia Lakes Invitational in West Columbia, Tx., Nov. 28 - Dec. 1.

"Columbia Lakes will be a good measurement of how we fair with bigger schools," Derek Morel, NSU's golf coach, said.

San Diego State, Fresno State and the defending champions Rice are a few of the big contenders expected to participate at Columbia Lakes.

The Northwestern golf team will be holding the 1996 Demon Golf Extravaganza on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the NSU Recreation Complex to raise money for the team.

The Extravaganza is a four-person scramble. To enter, call the Demon Golf Office at 357-4295, everyone is invited.

The NSU golf team also offers golf lessons. For more information or to schedule a lesson, call Derek Morel at 3574295.

Volleyball Team defeats Southern and loses to NLU

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Lady Demon volleyball team had a good week as they found the friendly confines of Prather Coliseum to their liking after a three match road trip.

The Demons played Southern on Thursday night and took it to them, beating them up like red headed step children 3-0. (16-14,15-5,15-10) Maggie Ehlers had a outstanding game with nine kills and a .530 attacking percentage.

Delphia Livings also had a good game with 10 kills and one service ace. Andrea Zegac led the Demons with 32 assists and three service aces.

The Demons returned to conference action on Saturday with Northeast Louisiana. The women played well but lost 3-0. (15-12,15-6,15-10) The Demons had their chances to win the first and third games, but they were denied in both games. Amy Warren played a great game after coming off a injury she suffered in the McNeese game. She had 9 kills and Delphia Livings added 10 kills, but they were not enough as the Demons dropped to 1-10 in the Southland Conference standings.

The volleyball team takes the week off and does not play until Saturday, November 2. Everyone should come out and watch the match and support the ladies as their season winds down. The matches are always entertaining and you can win prizes for just being at the game. So come out and support the team on Saturday night.

IM optimistic about 7th annual Ghost Chase

Philip Wise
Staff reporter

Looking for something different to do this Halloween, well try the annual Ghost Chase sponsored by the NSU Recreational Sports Department.

The Ghost Chase is set up in a triathlon format in which a three -person team must row half mile on Chaplin's Lake, ride three miles on a bike and run two miles.

The race will take place Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please call the Recreational Sports office at 357-5461 or come by to pick up an application.

"This is a great event for all who participate because of its fun nature," Scott Bruscato , recreational sports, said.

All of the contestants will receive specially designed tee-shirts at entry. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top finishers of the race.

The first place team will receive $75, second place $50, and third place $25. Entry is free for students and a $10 entry fee for faculty and community members who wish to run.

"The Ghost Chase has been traditionally 8-10 teams, out of these there are two sets of winners -mens and womens. There is also a prize for the team that best estimates its time. There are plenty of chances to win, so I encourage everyone to come out an join in the fun," Bruscato explained.

Amy Williams, graduate assistant said, "The Ghost Chase provides fun events for all students, it is competitive, but in a friendly environment. It is a good chance for students to socialize and enjoy competition will fellow students."

Students seem to think the Ghost Chase is a great idea, like Court Williams.

"This is a great idea to have a contest available to all NSU students. It is really good to have a sporting event such as this in Natchitoches, because normally I would have to drive to Shreveport or somewhere far off. This event is different than others, because it has rowing, not swimming. I am not a great swimmer, so this is right up my alley," Williams said

There are many opportunities to have fun on campus for relatively no money, it just takes the initiative to go out to the different functions.

According to Williams, students should take advantage of these opportunities offered to you as a student, because there are very few times you can have fun for free.

Demon Football ranked 19th in Division I-A A Top 25

Angela Hennigan
Staff reporter

Northwestern's Demons are now ranked 19th in the Division I-AA Top 25 poll and are having a record breaking season.

NSU is number two in the national rushing average with 291.8 yards after the win over Sam Houston. They have also climbed to number four in total offense in the national ranking system with an average of 469.5 and are topped by Northern Arizona, Montana, and Marshall.

In the victory over Sam Houston, Northwestern equalled a single-game school record yardage total of 603 yards by rushing 371 yards and passing 232 yards.

Many of NSU's players are also having stellar seasons. Quarterback Warren Patterson is ranked seventh nationally in pass efficiency and is 20th in total offense, averaging225.2 yards per game. Patterson also had an outstanding homecoming game by throwing for 212 yards and running for 84 more.

Pat Palmer is one of the Demons outstanding receivers and is ranked 11th nationally with and average of 99.3yards per game. He was last week's Southland Football League's "Offensive Player of the Week" after catching five passes for 165 yards and having two touchdowns. His first touchdown came on a 51 yard screen pass in the second quarter and the second score came off of a 70 yard pass to start the third quarter.

NSU has two other standout receivers in Anthony Williams and Brian Jacquet. Each player has rushed for over 100 yards in Demon games this season. Williams is ranked 17th nationally in rushing with his average of 114.5 yards.

The Demons fell to number four Youngstown State in Ohio Saturday.

Lady Demon Cross-Country team wins Northeast Invitational meet Friday

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

The Lady Demon Cross Country team won the NLU Invitational meet Friday, which helped prepare them for the upcoming Southland Conference Championships.

NSU placed five runners among the top 17 finishers, which was led by Christal Traylor's seventh-place finish.

"Friday was a good tune up for our women," women's coach, Bridgett Cobb, said. "It was only 2.5 miles. They usually run 3, but it helped get them ready for conference."

Beating NLU by four points was a big win for the women's team, considering the meet was in Monroe.

Cobb added that most teams run their strongest when they are at home meets, but the NSU women proved that to be wrong.

"This is a good lead up to the conference and it gives us some confidence," Cobb replied. "We now know what to expect and what we have to do for Monday."

The freshman-dominated team got a 14:29 time from Traylor over the 2.5 mile course.

Teammate Molly Magill was 10th, while Northwestern got 11th from Robin Meyers, 13th by Jody Gowdy and 17th from Cynthia Muniz.

The women's team has been successful this season going into the conference. Beginning the season with three first places, two second and one fifth, has given NSU a respectable name in cross-country.

"All of our runners have worked hard and done well this season," Cobb said. "There is not one established runner. All of them are battling to be in the top five and they are doing great."

According to Cobb, the women's team has the remainder of the week to prepare for Monday's conference.

"The women will be working on shorter and faster runs to help them with the mental aspect of the race," Cobb added.

In the men's race, Northwestern was fifth in a nine-team field led by Southern Mississippi. SLC rivals NLU and Stephen F. Austin outran NSU, which scored 122 points.

In the men's division, the Demons were led by freshman Robert McCormack, fourth overall in 19:54. Next for Northwestern was Robert Bonner, 19th at 20:39. Also scoring for the Demons were Jason Wingard, Todd Boddie and Juan Londano.

The Demons will host the conference Monday at NSU's Wilson Recreation Complex Demon Hills Golf Course.

Included in the conference will be Northwestern, Northeast, McNeese, Nicholls, UT Arlington, UT San Antonio, Southwest Texas, Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston.

The women will run a three mile run at 9:30 a.m. and the men will run a five mile run at 10:30 a.m.

"This meet will be a battle and I hope that the students will come out and support their teams," Cobb concluded.

The Student Activities Board would like to thank the following people for their contributions in making Homecoming 1996 a huge success:

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Religious
Ist - Student Baptist Union

Residents
Ist - Boozman
2nd - Varnado
3rd - Sabine

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Ist - Demon Sweethearts
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3rd - Diamond Dolls

Overall Winner Float Division: Kappa Sigma



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Students share mixed feelings about political candidates Dole and Clinton

Nakia Bodley
Staff reporter

Young voters seem to be reflecting the same attitudes as many Americans in its close division among the two major candidates in today's presidential election.

In a random informal poll conducted at NSU, approximately 53 percent are voting for Clinton compared to the 39 percent who are supporting Dole. A reported eight percent, however, are still undecided.

Many people are still contending that Clinton will clinch the young vote all together. Age seems to be the dominant factor in this conclusion.

"Age may have something to do with it," DeAdrian Alexander, a senior journalism major said. "They [young people] sense that a younger president will feel for the needs of the younger generation."

Many Dole supporters agree that age may be a big concern. The main issue, however, is the belief that Dole is trying to eliminate many forms of student aid.

"The fact that he [Dole] is older might play some kind of role," Ursula Newman, an NSU student said. "A lot of people are under the impression that he is trying to cut student money. It is not like he is trying to cut every student fund available. He is only trying to get rid of some things."

Several young people feel that although promotional events such as Bill Clinton appearing on MTV may help his appeal to the younger generation, it does not influence the way they vote.

"There are a lot of problems facing young adults today in America," Kevin Brough, a business administration major stated. "He [Clinton] is coming down off a 'high horse' to talk to these young adults. I feel that Dole would probably do the same thing, but Dole on MTV is just not a concept anybody can actually fathom."

"A large percentage of them [young people] probably just don't care."

Dr. Alex Aichinger

In recent years MTV has played a tremendous part in influencing young people to be active in politics. Campaigns such as "Rock the Vote", an attempt to convince young adults to exercise their right to vote, has had a profound impact on voter behavior.

"Young adults are more prone to watch things such as MTV," Brough said. "MTV with their 'Rock the Vote' campaign seems to be getting the message of voting to a wider audience than what a college campus or individual could. They are getting as many young adults as they can to register to vote. Just the fact that they register is a good thing. If they take the time and use this responsibility it's an excellent thing."

Even though the "Rock the Vote" campaign has probably helped increase registration among young voters, voter turn out is still expected to be low among this age group.

"A large percentage of them [young people] probably just don't care," Dr. Alex Aichinger, Associate Professor of Political Science, contends "They are not concerned about politics even though it is very important to their future."

Aichinger went on to explain that because this presidential election was not as exciting or issue oriented as previous others, it will most likely have a profound effect on the voter turn out.

"I think a significant percentage simply see no meaningful debate taking place so the attitude is, 'why even bother with all this nonsense, negative campaigning, and outright lies,'" he said.

Other people take a different view on this issue. Many people feel that young people do realize the importance of a presidential election.

"People feel that voting will effect them more because they are choosing the president of the United States," Alexander said. "I think their parents probably stressed the importance of voting in a presidential election."

Students declare that it is a hard decision on which candidate to choose especially with all the mud slinging going on. Alexander's advice on choosing the best candidate is to "Vote for the lesser of two evils."

Vandalism poses threat to students

Stacey Lynn Michaels
Staff reporter

Vandalism seems to have reached an all time high on the NSU campus.

Harmless pranks of the past have escalated into problems for students, fraternities, and sororities.

"We need student cooperation within the community."

Det. Sgt. Prescott

Several NSU students have experienced vehicle vandalism over the past few weeks. Cars have been keyed, egged and car windows have been smashed in. Students do not find these pranks funny, considering the cost of repairing the damage.

Greek bumper stickers have also been ripped off various cars. No specific organization has been singled out, but several have been affected.

Cars aren't the only property that has been affected. Fraternity and sorority letters have also been vandalized.

Theta Chi has had two sets of letters stolen; one set was also burned. Members of Kappa Alpha found their letters spray painted after the Homecoming game, and Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Nu were also affected by vandalism after the Homecoming game. Their letters were found in several pieces still on the field.

Fraternity and sorority houses have not escaped vandalism.

According to their respective presidents, Kappa Alpha and Theta Chi have both had windows of their houses broken. The Phi Mu house had a plaque bearing their Greek letters stolen from the front of their house.

Although these incidents have not been proven as Greek related, several police investigations are underway.

Det. Sgt. Prescott, of the University Police, has no reason to believe the vandalism is entirely Greek related.

Prescott recommends that students call crime stoppers, 357-5431, to report a crime.

"We need student cooperation within the community," Prescott said.

Callers who provide substantial information can be eligible for crime stoppers money. Callers can also remain anonymous.

Council of Vice Presidents determine the direction of NSU

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

Who finds solutions to students' pet peeves and problems? Who makes the decisions that affect the campus, students and faculty?

President Randall J. Webb has the final say-so, but many times, the process begins a little farther down the chain of command, in the Council of Vice Presidents.

The Council is made up of Northwestern's five vice presidents: Carl Jones, vice president of fiscal affairs; Fred Fulton, vice president of student affairs; Jerry Pierce, vice president of external affairs, Dr. John Winston, vice president of university affairs and the newest NSU vice president, Dr. Thomas Burns, interem provost and vice president of academic affairs.

This group meets every Monday afternoon with Webb.

"I don't believe that you would say it is a formal meeting," Burns said. "But we do have a set meeting time....It is an opportunity for all of us to discuss those matters which deal with each individual vice president."



Burns

It is during these meetings that the vice presidents let each other, and Webb, know what is going on in their areas, "so that all of us know what each other is doing," Burns said.

"We discuss problems, we discuss successes, we discuss the direction in which we should be moving in order to promote the University," Burns said.

"When problems headline the groups' discussions, they are usually problems shared by more than one area of the University," Burns said. This is when the Council of Vice Presidents becomes essential, because these men can pool all their resources to come up with viable solutions.

What happens next depends on the decision made.

"Sometimes it is enacted immediately," Webb said. "Some require more study and others just take more time."

Some of the Council activities so far this semester include budgeting, the Sunset Hearings, and facility planning.

When the Legislature approved the recent faculty raises, the Faculty Senate brought their suggestions for its dispersement to the Council who implemented the raises based on the Senate's recommendation.



Trick-or-treaters enjoy the Haloween carnival held by the residents of Varnado Hall last week.

Photo by Eric Dutile

Southern Mississippi president to speak for Investiture Convocation

The president of the University of Southern Mississippi, Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas, will speak at the Investiture Convocation for President Dr. Randall J. Webb on Nov. 20.

Lucas, who has been president since 1975, will step down from the position at the end of the year.

He graduated from the University in 1955 with honors and a bachelor of science degree in education and history and received the Best Citizenship Award for Men. A year later he received a master of arts degree with an emphasis on the psychology of reading. As a graduate student he served as assistant director of the Reading Clinic.

In 1957, he became director of admissions, a position he held until 1962 when he became registrar and an associate professor of educational administration. During those years he added a Ph.D. degree from Florida State University in 1966 with an emphasis in the administration of higher education. In 1970, Dr. Lucas became the dean of the Graduate School, coordinator of research, and professor of higher education.

He was named president of Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss in 1971 at the age of 37. Lucas served there until 1975, when he was asked to return to his alma mater as president of what had become The University of Southern Mississippi.

As president, Lucas devotes much of his time to keeping in touch with students, faculty and staff through meetings and luncheons, as well as through informal chats. People who are not aware of his campus involvement are constantly amazed at how well informed the president is.

The two-day ceremony, which is privately funded by the NSU Faculty Senate, begins Tuesday, Nov. 19 with a reception honoring the university's faculty at 6:30 p.m. in the Orville Hanchey Art Gallery.

At 7:30 p.m., Opera Northwestern will present a gala performance of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" in

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Two students arrested last week after vandalizing automobile

Stacey Lynn Michaels
Staff reporter

Two NSU students were arrested Oct. 29 by University Police.

Emily Branton and Jessica Sanders, were arrested for vandalizing a 1996 Chevrolet Camaro owned by Wendy Lanier. Branton and Sanders keyed both sides of Lanier's car resulting in damages over $500.

The charge against Branton and Sanders was simple criminal damage to property over $500.

"Simple criminal damage to property is the intentional damage of any property of another without consent of the owner," states the Louisiana Revised Statutes of Criminal Law.

According to Cpl. Kelly, of the Natchitoches Police Department, simple criminal damage over $500 is considered a felony. "The punishment for the felony is a fine up to $1,000 or up to two years in prison," said Kelly.

Lanier filed a police report with University Police on Oct. 9.

Det. Sgt. Prescott, of University Police, received an anonymous tip from Crime Stoppers concerning the case. This helped lead to the arrest of Branton and Sanders.

Prescott hopes that the recent arrests will make an impact on students who have committed or were planning to commit vandalism.

Other cases concerning other recent vandalism are being investigated by University Police.

"We don't believe that the vandalism cases are related," said Prescott.

Branton and Sanders were released by University Police on their own recognizance. A court date not yet been determined.

News

Campus Briefs

Family Day Program

The annual Family Day is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. The event lets Northwestern students share their university home with parents and other realitives and allows the students and families time to get better aquainted with faculty members and administrators. The event begins with a parent registration at 1 p.m. in the A.A. Frederics Auditorium. An assembly at 2 p.m. will include door prizes and entertainment by professional ventriloquist, Dan Horn. Following that assembly, a Family Day meal at Iberville Cafeteria will be held from 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. Families can then attend a tailgate party on the grounds of the NSU Athletic Fieldhouse from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. "Key West" will provide entertainment. NSU takes on Troy State in a conference battle at Turpin Stadium at 7 p.m. Free tickets for the evening meal and the football game will be distributed to students and their families during the afternoon registration and the assembly only.

Fall Wind Ensemble

Northwestern's Fall Wind Ensamble will present a concert Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. The ensemble is conducted by Bill Brent, head of the Mrs. H.D. Dear, Sr. and Alice E. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts and director of bands as NSU. Kevin Richardson and Montgomery Morris are assistant conductors.

"Shakesperience"

The Northwestern Theatre Department's Tour Group "Shakesperience" opened its 1996-97 season recently at the Arts Center in Natchitoches performing scenes and monologues for the local arts council. This year's troupe, directed by NSU Theatre Director Dr. Jack Wann, is comprised of six junior and senior theatre students including Tony Arieux of Natchitoches; Ryan Butler of Natchitoches; Heather Child of Arlington, Texas; P.J. Davis of Shreveport; Carla Hallock of Longview, Texas and Gregory Romero from Baton Rouge. The students and Wann will travel this year to various areas in Louisiana and surrounding regions and perform mini-scenes from Shakespeare works. For more information on the group or a list of performance sites, call Wann at 357-6891.

Advising

Students currently enrolled in Northwestern must seek faculty or staff advisement before regestering for the spring 1997 semester. Students who do not currently have an advisor can be advised through the Center for Academic Advising by calling 357-4346.

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Magale Recital Hall.

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, an ecumenical service of worship will be held at the First Baptist Church of Natchitoches beginning at 7 a.m. A reception hosted by the Faculty Senate will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. in the Living Room of the Family and Consumer Science Building.

At noon, Webb will have lunch with the student body in Iberville Dining Hall. The ceremonies will conclude with an open house at the President's Home from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

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Sports

Demons slaughter Southwest Texas, 49-0

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

How lopsided was Northwestern State's 49-0 demolition of Southwest Texas on Saturday?

The No. 22-ranked Demons scored even when they were trying not to.

Leading 42-0 early in the fourth quarter, first-and-goal at the SWT 7, Northwestern's head coach Sam Goodwin had backup quarterback Brandon Emanuel kneel on four straight plays.

The Bobcats' ineptness, and the Demons' swarming defense, foiled Goodwin's best intentions. On second down, Chad Johnson's pass was defected at the line, swatted downfield by an SWT lineman trying to knock the ball down, and snagged near his shoetops by Northwestern linebacker Roman Gage.

Gage streaked 23 yards for the Demons' final touchdown.

"It's kind of ironic," Goodwin admitted, "but it was that kind of day. Most everything we did turned to gold. I didn't feel comfortable getting any more points when we had the game won already, but you can't tell a defensive guy not to score when he gets the chance."

Northwestern rolled up 474 yards; all but 27 yards in the first three quarters.

The Demons handed the Bobcats their first shutout since 1987 and held them to just seven first downs and 113 total yards.

The victory vaulted Northwestern to 5-3 overall and 2-1 in the Southland Football League. Southwest Texas (3-5, 0-3) lost its fourth straight.

"It was total domination," SWT coach Jim Bob Helduser said, whose team lost in five overtimes last Saturday to Nicholls State.

"We looked like a very talented team on both sides," said Goodwin, "and they were obviously pretty flat."

Demon tailback Anthony Williams ran for a career-best 162 yards on 17 carries, including a 56-yard touchdown.

Northwestern's other top tailback, Brian Jacquet, scored on touchdown runs of 12 and 2 yards as part of a 345-yard rushing output.

Quarterback Warren Patterson threw a 51-yard touchdown to Robert Robertson and ran for a 1-yard score.

After steadily building a 21-0 halftime lead, Northwestern converted a couple of turnovers into touchdowns to put the game out of reach midway through the third quarter. The Demons scored on their first possession, moving 55 yards for Jacquet's 12-yard touchdown run, then back-to-back fumble recoveries at the SWT 11 produced two more quick tallies.

Tony Joe Maranto returned a fumble 24 yards to the 11 and Jacquet plowed across from the 2 moments later for a 35-0 lead. Emanuel made it 42-0 on an 11-yard option keeper one play after Jeff Spikes recovered a fumbled punt.

Touchdowns on three straight series midway through the first half gave the Demons a commanding halftime lead.

Northwestern's smothering defense allowed only three first downs by halftime. The Demons piled up 354 first-half yards, running for 235, and allowed the Bobcats just 67 total yards.

The halftime margin could easily have been bigger, but the Demons had 7 penalties for 54 yards, including some that blunted three more scoring chances. A holding penalty behind the play brought back Williams' 23-yard run to the SWT 7 on the game's opening drive, which ended with a missed 32-yard field goal.

On the Demons' next possession, they moved quickly downfield until Patterson threw an interception at the SWT 23. Later in the half, a penalty at the SWT 31 curtailed another chance to stretch the margin.

Robert Robertson finally got Northwestern on the board with an impressive 51-yard catch-and-run touchdown. The junior fullback caught a play-action pass in the right flat, eluded one tackler and rambled down the right sideline to score with 1:56 left in the first period.

The Demons doubled their lead on their next possession. Williams lined up as a flanker and took a pitch on a reverse, got a great downfield block from Adam Swales and made a nifty cutback at the 10 to complete a 56-yard touchdown run 13:08 before halftime.

The next time Northwestern got the ball, the Demons drove 64 yards in 11 plays and scored on Patterson's sneak on fourth-and-inches.

The Bobcats were crippled by five turnovers, including three interceptions. Their 113-yard total was the third lowest yield posted by a Demon defense in Goodwin's 14 seasons.

"The way we looked today, you have to think we could easily be 8-0 right now, and it's frustrating," Goodwin said. "But this was a great win at the right time. It sets us up to make a run for the conference championship."

The Demons, after playing five road games in the last six weeks, return home to Turpin Stadium for two consecutive games against Troy State (7-1, 3-1) and McNeese State (2-5, 0-2). They cap the season Nov. 23 at Stephen F. Austin (5-2, 2-1).

Soccer Team looks to rebuild team next season

Angela Hennigan
Staff reporter

The first season for the Lady Demon Soccer team has come to an end with a final record of 0-19.

The team ended the season this past weekend at the Ole Miss Soccer tournament in Oxford, Mississippi. On Friday, the Lady Demons fell to the Lady Rebels of Ole Miss 13-2. Kelly Knapshaefer led the Lady Demons by scoring both of the goals. Jennifer Peck and Amy Lambre each had one attempted score in the game. Ole Miss improved their record to 8-9-1 while the Lady Demons continued their winless season.

The final game of the season was Saturday against Middle Tennessee State University. Demon players Erin Carpenter, Tammy Peck, Wendy Woodham, Jennifer Peck, Lambre, and Kanpschaefer combined to attempt a season high of 12 shots at the goal, but the effort was not enough as they walked away with a 2-0 loss.

Because this is the first year for Northwestern to have a soccer organization, the coaches realize that they have to have more time to build a winning team.

Head coach Maribeth Forrest believes that one key to success is having more players on the team to work with.

"We will be out recruiting at different high school events and we have already received positive feedback from potential players," Forrest said.

Another strong point for the organization has been the talented players.

"Although we were not successful as far as our win-loss record goes, we were very successful when it comes to the talent of the kids we brought in to the program," assistant coach Leslie Faber said.

The Lady Demon soccer team will begin their second season of play next fall.

NSU hosts Cross Country Championships

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

Women's Cross Country placed second and men seventh when Northwestern hosted the 1996 Southland Conference Cross Country meet Monday at the Wilson Recreation Complex.

Texas-San Antonio, ranked fifth in the nation, came in first for the women at 21 while NSU's women's' team wasn't far behind them at 71. Following NSU was University of Texas at Arlington at 102 and then Northeast at 108.

Coming in 12th; first for NSU; was freshman, Jody Goudy at 19:22 and at 13th place was Kristal Traylor at 19:26. Fourteenth was Bridgit Gharrity at 19:35; 15th, Robin Meyers at 19:37 and 17th, Molly Magill at 19:39.

The Lady Demon Cross Country team had an excellent season which proved to be true Monday. According to head cross country coach, Bridgett Cobb, this final conference meet was the best the team had run all year.

"I am very please with all of the women," Cobb said. "The gap-time, 1-5, was only 17 seconds and these women worked well as a team."

This was the highest finish for Northwestern Women's Cross Country team ever. They went from fifth to second which shows the work and effort that each member put into the team.

"They went out and competed Monday and did better than they have done all year," Cobb added. "They stepped up to the next level."

The cross-country team had to their advantage that this was a home meet. Cobb said that many fans came out and supported their demon cross country team, which definitely showed school spirit and helped pump the team up.

On November 16, the Lady Demon Cross Country team will be going to Denton, TX for the District 6 meet.

"Anyone can go for this meet that wants to," Cobb added, "but I would like for all of the girls to go to get more experience against other schools."

Some of those schools will include: Baylor, Arkansas and University of Texas.

The men's Cross Country team came in seventh in the Southland Conference Monday.

Coming in first for NSU was Robert Bonner at 26:10 and following was Nikimba Wilson at 27:08. Following was Southwest Texas and Stephen F. Austin.

Both men and women ran a good race and it was obvious that both coaches were proud of the teams and felt they've accomplished a lot this season.



Julie Lessiter helped secure second place for Lady Demons photo by Don Sepulvado

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The Northwestern Athletes of the Week shown above are the Lady Demons Cross Country Team.

Bottom row left to right: Ruth Muniz, Julie Lessiter, Jody Gowdy, Molly Magill. The top row, left to right, is: Bridget Gharrity, Robin Meyers, Cynthia Munoz, Christal Traylor and Malisha Broach.

photo by Don Sepulvado

Women's Basketball starts season with exhibition game at 7 p.m. Thursday

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

The Lady Demon Basketball team is starting the season with an exhibition game against a Swedish team Thursday at 7 p.m.. This will be the first of two practice games this season with 10 of the 13 players able to perform.

The Lady Demons will begin with a brand new team this season. Losing 3 players; Joskeen Garner, Stephanie Shaw, and Angela Simpson; will result in some difficulties, which head coach James Smith has not had to face in years.

"It is almost impossible to replace one player of their caliber, much less three," Smith said. "We have recruited a very good group and with a strong base of returnees we should be in an excellent position to be competitive once again."

A new player will be running the squad for the first time in four years at the point guard position.

Missi Hardy, a 5-6 junior who played backup to Shaw last year, will be competing for the starting position with two extremely talented newcomers; Judy Clark and Jennifer Price.

Clark, a freshman from Singer, averaged 46.7 points as a senior and leading her team to the state semi-finals.

Price, a freshman who averaged 12 points and six assists per game for Paw Paw High School, is expected to produce early for the lady Demons.

According to Smith, both Clark and Price have a good chance to help the team early on .

Three other new comers to the Lady Demons are Jennifer Graf, a freshman guard from Loranger High School; Alyson Wilson, a freshman from Bossier and Louise Chase, sophomore from Ringgold; which all have the ability to play two or three spots.

"What makes us special is that we have players that are capable of performing at different positions," Smith added. "Most of the players on the team have the ability to play two spots, with a couple able to confidently step in and play any one of three positions."

Although the Lady Demons were expected to have a down year this season with the loss of 3 players and returning of four players who saw significant action last year, Northwestern may just be reloading. With the support of the students and fans, the year could prove to be a success for the Demons.

As the new logo for the basketball games go: "It's all New".

According to Sports Information Director, Doug Ireland, this is a new season and a new atmosphere is hoped to be created for the Demon fans.

"Students will be able to sign up for give-aways," Ireland said, "and the games will be more student oriented."

"...students have wanted basketball games to be more fun. We are now making it a point to do that."

Doug Ireland

Give-aways will start at the exhibition game Thursday night along with the largest Macarena dance ever.

"From the beginning students have wanted basketball games to be more fun," Ireland said. "We are now making it a point to do that."

All students are asked to come out and support their Lady Demons for the exhibition game with their student I.D.

A&E

Floodgate making way into metal scene opening for Type O Negative in the House of Blues

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

From the ashes of what was once the hardcore/thrash band Exhorder-turned-Penalty rises the Phoenix now known as Floodgate.

The band's debut album, Penalty, has finally been released on RoadRunner Records, despite how vocalist Kyle Thomas describes its inception as "a black cloud over this record since the beginning."

Considering that Floodgate have had to overcome everything from a trademark infraction to major heart surgery and a death in the family, I'd say the mushroom cloud over Hiroshima had nothing on these guys.

Someone once said that what doesn't kill us only makes us stronger. If that's the case, then Floodgate must be some of the strongest muthas standing.

At any rate, the guys in Floodgate were able to stand firm in the tempest and hold their musical ground in spite of the fact that adversity sometimes started to get the best of them. "It got to the point where it didn't feel like we were a band anymore," Thomas said. "We were in limbo, demoralized, everybody was so not into it."

However, that was a long time ago, and everything seems to be coming up bloody roses for Floodgate these days. The guys recently put on a killer show at the House of Blues in New Orleans where they opened for none other than the mighty Type O Negative. They're getting positive responses to Penalty, and the band's members are pulling even closer together now than ever before.

I've listened to the guys on the Penalty disc, and I've also seen them live, which is an area where many bands tend to fall flat on their faces. But after having experienced Floodgate up close and personal, I'm willing to put all my money on their reaching arena status and accomplishing whatever other goals they'd care to set for themselves.

And to top it all off, Floodgate are happy with where they stand in a musical sense. "I'm more alive musically than I've ever been in my life," Thomas said. "For years I've been waiting to do this project and it feels amazing, like a breath of fresh air." With everything else that's going on with Floodgate these days, it almost seems like it would be impossible for them to take some time out to do an interview. Yet I somehow managed to get Kyle Thomas to sit still for a few minutes before the band's sound check so I could dig a little deeper into his head.

It: What exactly took you guys so long to get Penalty released?

KT: Set backs out the wazoo. We had situations with a family crisis, people being in the hospital, our producer's mother died, and my girlfriend's father had a massive heart attack while we were recording. Everything just compounded. The guy from Blind Melon (Shannon Hoon) OD'd across the street from us — which that didn't set us back really, but it just continued to put the black cloud across the whole thing.

But the name situation was the worst. We had gone under the name Penalty for about two years. Unfortunately, a company out of Brazil that makes soccer shirts has one that says Penalty on it, and they had no interest in licensing the name out to us. So rather than having a war over T-shirt money, we just went ahead and changed the name. It was the wisest thing for us to do.

It: I know you've said that a lot of blood, sweat and tears went into the new album. But now that Penalty is released, how do you feel about the finished product?

KT: I'm thoroughly satisfied with it. Of course, we're gonna nitpick over little things here and there, everybody does with their own record, but it's fantastic. I couldn't be more satisfied.

It: What kind of responses have you personally gotten about Penalty?

KT: So far, I've only heard one or two bad reviews. Most people seem to be really into it, so it's been really positive.

It: Floodgate's music goes in a different direction than where Exhorder went. You're covering more ground in a lot of ways. What made ya'll want to change it?



Kevin Thomas, Kyle Thomas, Steve Fisher and Neil Montgomery (in back on drums) of Floodgate perform last month in New Orleans

photo by lesa thompson

KT: Really, to tell you the truth, we didn't change a thing. Kevin (Thomas, bass/vocals) and I were into this kind of stuff when we were growing up, like Sabbath, Deep Purple, Led Zeppelin and Saint Vitus. Really, the departure wasn't so much Floodgate, but Exhorder. We're kind of just back on track right now. Ultimately, we're back to where we started.

It: I know you once said that you wanted to do your own songs because you could hear them in your head all the time. So basically, the whole time you were in Exhorder, you were really wanting to be in Floodgate?

KT: I enjoyed Exhorder. I guess I can say that I didn't really think about doing anything different. But it always sat in the back of my mind that I wanted to do a project where I was playing guitar, bass or whatever. I wanted to play an instrument and have more freedom to write my own stuff. That's the best thing about this whole project. It stems mostly from mine and Kevin's ideas, whereas I'm not putting vocals to someone else's work.

It: That's perfectly understandable because now you have more control in a sense. It's more of a personal thing. But Exhorder had a pretty big fan base. Do you ever get any feedback from some of those people who want to walk up and tell you that they don't dig what you're doing now?

KT: Most people like the new stuff a lot. Some people are honest enough to say that they liked Exhorder better, but some people say that they like the new stuff better. Ya know, there's gonna be people that don't like it, either, and that's fine — I can understand it if they don't . But don't count us out of the picture. I'm happier now than I've ever been musically, so I'm not worried about it.

It: I know there were a lot of rough times, obviously, getting Penalty ready for release. Unfortunately, that kind of constant stress can really tend to weigh heavily on a band, not just as a band on the whole, but as individuals. How are you guys doing now personality wise, not just as musicians, but as people?

KT: It's fantastic. I've never been in a band that got along this well.

It: Then the tough times actually brought you guys closer together. It's almost good in a way because now you know that Floodgate can withstand practically anything. So comparing where you are now to where you were a few years ago, how difficult has it been in making that transformation from a "garage band" to where you are now, signed to RoadRunner Records and opening for guys like Type O Negative?

KT: Really, we almost never started out as a garage band because we had three record contracts before we even had a complete lineup. The Exhorder thing brought a lot of attention right off the bat.

It: What's new projects are Floodgate working on right now?

KT: We've been affiliating ourselves with some booking agents, and gradually, slowly but surely, we've got more shows lined up and in the works. At the end of the year we hope to be on tour full time.

It: With?

KT: Whoever will take us.

It: There are bands out there right now who would kill for the chance to open for Type O, and here you are. What's it like?

KT: This is our second show with them ever. We played our first show with them as Penalty a few years ago. They seem like cool guys. We're playing with them tomorrow night, too, in Atlanta. I'd like to get more shows with them if they'll have us.

It: The Floodgate bio states that you're a classically trained singer, you performed the national anthem at a Saints game with your high school chorus, and you sang "Ode to Joy" with the New Orleans Symphony Orchestra. How did you go from Beethoven to Floodgate?

KT: Really, that kind of just taught me to hone the style down; incorporating rage with finesse. It took me a few years to get it, but I think I've eventually captured it for what we need to do.

It: Okay, last question. You've said that a lot of your lyrics are based on personal, everyday bulls—t, dreams and images, sometimes graphic stuff. How hard is it for you to get those personal things out of yourself and into a song?

KT: That's the hardest part because it depends on how you feel, and if you're not feeling much, then the lyrics aren't going to be that good.

It: Do you ever worry about what people are going to think about your words?

KT: You have to be brutally honest with yourself when you ask 'Is this cheesy, or is this stupid, or will people understand it?' There's a bit of that, but sometimes you don't give a s—t what people think.

Floodgate's latest cd and Solitude Aeturnus reviewed in this week's Sauce

lesa thompson
staff reporter

Floodgate
penalty
RoadRunner Records



This album's got more groove than Soul Train and Don Cornelius — That's exactly what you're gonna think the second you pop Floodgate's penalty into the disc player.

Well, maybe that's not exactly what you'll think, but the general idea should be the same. That's because Floodgate have the kind of groove that could give Corrosion of Conformity a run for their money, and I say that with only the utmost respect for COC.

Lord knows Pepper and the boys are the masters of groove, but it looks like now they just might have a little bit of worthy competition on their hands.

Now, let me take a line or two to be absolutely sure that nobody misunderstands me — I am not, by any means, calling Floodgate a "COC wannabe" band by even the furthest stretches of the imagination.

What I am saying, however, is that these boys have elevated groove to a whole new level. And if there does appear to be a few elements of Down and COC incorporated into Floodgate's sound, then it's due to the fact that all three bands cite the same influences. (Sabbath, St. Vitus, etc.) And besides, if you're gonna have to be put into a musical category, I think COC and Down are pretty damned good company to be in, don't you?

My favorite tracks on penalty are "Those Days," "Second Guesser" and "Running with Sodden Legs," a song that vocalist Kyle Thomas says came about as a result of his brother Kevin's music giving him the sense of being trapped in a nightmare.

Anyway, what it all comes down to is this — if you're into straight-forward, groove oriented music, than penalty is the one disc you'll immediately want to add to your collection.

You can't possibly be disappointed with this one, and if you are, then you've been off your medication a little too long. It's time to check back in to the clinic before you hurt yourself.
lesa thompson

SOLITUDE AETURNUS
Downfall
Pavement Music



If Death has a voice, than Robert Lowe's is what it must sound like.

I remember the first time I ever came across a Solitude Aeturnus disc. It was "Through the Darkest Hour" and I heard it while auditioning music for The Demon. Just from the cover, I knew it had to be good. Needless to say, it didn't just meet with my expectations, it exceeded them. And ever since then, I've been hooked on Solitude.

Downfall is a really dark disc. It automatically reaches inside of your chest and brings forth the images of everything that you've ever been afraid of in your life but liked too much to let go of. In other words, if you're the type of person who gets turned on by the dark side, then Solitude Aeturnus is the band for you and Downfall is the disc you can't do without.

Personally, I don't think the listener has any choice but to internalize the lyrics. One way or the other, you're going to be affected by the words.

But exactly what effect those lyrics will have remains to be seen. I think it probably has more to do with how in touch you are with your own darker nature than anything else.

As soon as I heard that Aeturnus was going to release the new disc, Downfall, I started aggravating Ms. Tammy at Pavement to hurry up and send me a copy. Now that I've got my grubby little hands on this I'm utterly and unconditionally convinced that Ms. Tammy is the one true Goddess of Metal and life, as I know it, is a good thing. So feel free to get your own copy of Solitude Aeturnus' Downfall and partake of the festivities.

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Our View

Generation X takes voting privelege for granted

Voting is a privilege that is often taken for granted by college students and many other members of Generation X. Whether it is because individuals feel that their vote will not make a difference or because they are just too lazy to exercise their rights as an American citizen is unclear. We feel that is often a combination of both.

If we were put in the position that our forefathers were in, actually fighting for our right and freedom, would we take this right for granted?

Admittedly, at times, the issue of most political campaigns becomes the mudslinging that politicians can't seem to stay away from.

However, we need to look through the trash and see that we do have a choice. We are becoming a generation of slackers. It has become

"Everyone needs to forget about their own personal problems, throw away their emotional crutches and vote for the future of this nation."

a sad day when minor problems get in the way of exercising a right that our forefathers fought for.

It has come to the point when we need to do our civic duty and choose the future leaders of this great nation. As members of Generation X we bitch and moan about minor things, when we too often ignore the wonderful opportunities that we have as American citizens.

In many countries, the government could care less about what the residents think and feel, in America we are actually begged to voice our opinion. Often we do, but it is always in the form complaints. It is seldom ever done to benefit the future of our great nation.

I wonder how our grateful generation of complainers would like to spend some time in some third world country where they have to constantly worry about their next meal, their safety, and having to sleep in disease infested chambers.

The fact is whether you are a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or just whatever it takes to make you feel special, we need to realize that we are first Americans.

We are part of one of the richest nations in the world, full of opportunities that are often limited by the man in the mirror rather than others who we would like to blame for all of our problems. We need to remember the sacrifices our forefathers made that give us the wealth of opportunities that we have today. We need to remember the hardships they endured, without making that our personal crutch.

So tomorrow on Super Tuesday everyone needs to forget about their own personal problems, throw down their emotional crutches and vote for the future of this great nation. Just think of the other people in this world who would die for the opportunities we have, like many of our forefathers.

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Local, national elections drive columnist to distraction

The Gospel of Jeff

Jeff Burkett

It's time for a Gospel of Jeff quiz. I promise, you wont have to study for this one.

How many of you out there hate: A) an election year.

B) campaigning politicians.

C) campaign ads.

D) all of the above!

If you answered D or ANY of the above, then vote for Jeff for President/Senate/District Attorney/Local option/etc.

This year marks the first time that I have ever participated in a Louisiana election. Sure, I've voted since I turned 18, I think it's a great honor for an individual to be able to do that.

But in Louisiana, I'm not so sure. And in a national election, I'm not sure it really matters!

I guess if I was involved in some local junior political group I would be wetting my pants over the consequence of the peoples decision, but I'm not.

As a matter of fact, I will be glad when it's all over...and I don't give a damn who wins.

Never in my life have I been so turned off to politics by the childlike behavior of the opposing political camps. And it's not just the Presidential campaign, it's on the state level (Senate) and right here in Natchitoches (District Attorney).

In "the big" election, there are certain issues that need to have some light shed on them.

I also care about who will be "leading" this country, although I do agree with Mike Myers character in *So I Married an Ax Murderer*, that the world is controlled by a group know as "the pentavlet". But here in our little corner of the world, who cares!

I would like to know what is so damn special about being the D.A. in Natchitoches Parish? By the way the two men are lashing out at each other, it seems that being the local D.A. means you are as close to God Almighty as the Pope himself.

Another thing that I despise about politics is the way candidates are probed and prodded by each other. They only do this to get that little piece of dirt on the other to make themselves look better.

I don't care if candidate X anally abuses his dog or that politician Y eats his boogers. As far as I'm concerned all I see them doing is name calling. And most of the time, that is all that it really is.

And how do you think that these campaigns are paid for? By the $100-a-plate dinners that these morons sponsor...or should I say...cash in on. The only people that actually shell out this kind of dough for a $100-plate full o' crap is relatives and individuals who want to be protected when this person gets into office.

Think about it? Would you pay hundreds of dollars or more if you didn't expect to be let in on some of the best "deals" around. Or do you think that the $100 hamburger you paid for back in October 96 will get you out of a DWI next year?

Around here, it will!

When these self proclaimed "good guys" get into office, they should do the one thing that they were elected to do...uphold the law. Not the Louisiana good old boy law, but the actual written law.

When you really get down to it these days, you are picking the evil of two lessors. That is for any election. And in a town like this, it not an election, it's a popularity contest...and I'm prettier than both of them put together!

Respect for elders a fading value among youths in today's society

Hard-Earned Wisdom

Philip Wise

Times are changing my friend. There are changes that affect the way we view life and interact with each other.

Not all changes will benefit or help us in every way. One of the significant changes that I have discovered is courtesy, or the lack thereof.

Manners is one idea of old that should not be forgotten and left to be a memory. It seems that many times people have become too caught up with their fast paced lives they can't take the time to extend common courtesy.

I understand that days seem to get hectic and frustrating, but that is not a reason to be rude to anyone and everyone that crosses your path.

Where did "yes sir," "no sir," "yes ma'am" and "no ma'am" go? These are the simplest of phrases, they are short and easy to say, and they carry great meaning.

These terms show respect.

Older people have been where you are now and where you have not yet ventured, they are wiser and deserve our collective respect. It is not that difficult to use terms such as these.

When respect is given, you will find that people will hold a higher regard for you and respect will be handed in both directions

The more I look around I see people that appear to have no upbringing. They seem unaffected by how others might view them. There is never a time a younger person should be uncourteous to a more mature individual.

I just don't understand their logic.

"Yeah" and "huh" just don't cut it. The use of slang such as this is either a blatant disregard of manners and you just don't care or it may also be possible that values were not instilled upon you as a child.

I know that the times haven't changed so much that that parents are not teaching their children respect and good behavior, so the only other answer is that people just don't give a damn.

I hear all to often students just flat out being ungrateful to their parents. I had a roommate that would use a horrible manner when specking to his parents. This was very disturbing to me, because I was always taught not to do this.

If I used language towards my parents such as he did, I would probably be working at a manual labor job trying to make ends-meet instead of going to college to better my education.

If a person shows no respect to their parents they will surely have no respect toward others.

I know by far that I'm not the perfect son, I never claimed to be, but I do, and will always treat my parents with all the respect possible.

I seem to be old enough to understand why they were very persistant on teaching me good values. How you treat people no matter what the situation, will show how yur parents influenced you.

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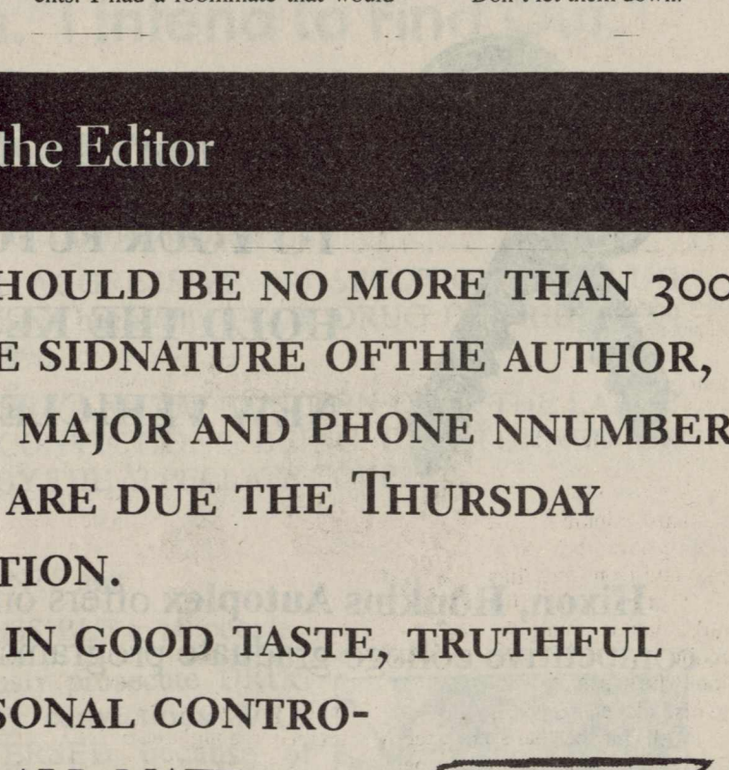
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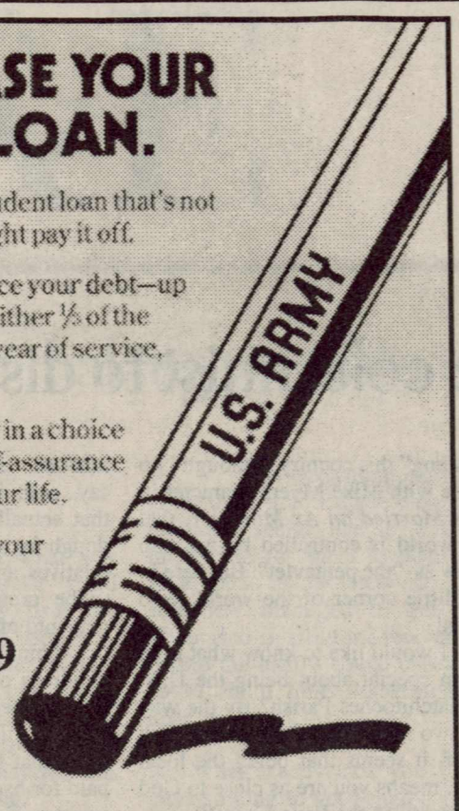
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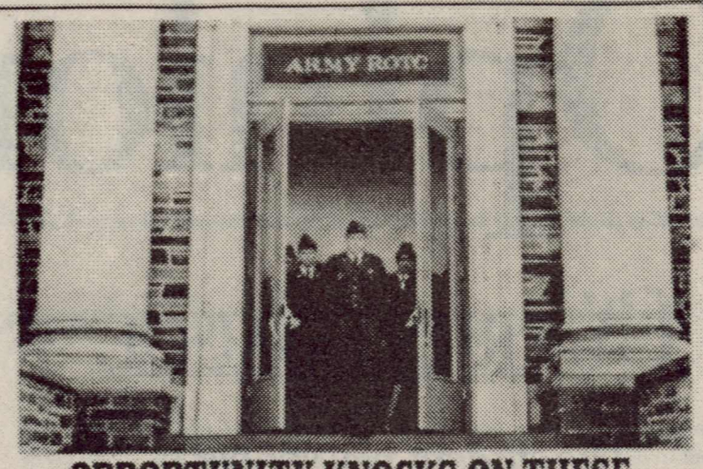
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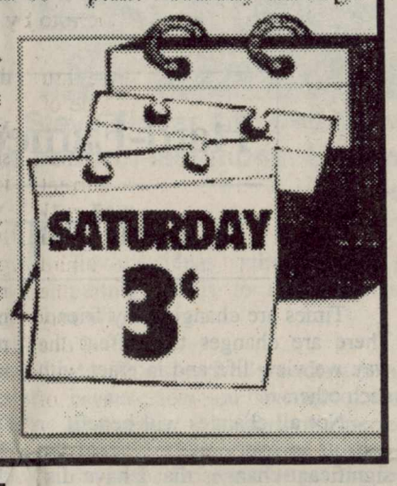
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One world war, four brothers and a drive-thru: Maggio's on the strip

Benjamin Scroggs
Staff reporter

One world war, four brothers, and one dream in search of a small fortune have made Maggio's Liquor what it is today, the largest alcohol retailer in Natitoches.

The four Maggio brothers: Joe, Ned, John, and Henry, or "Buddy" as most call him, are from a family of 11 children and have turned the management of a retail liquor store like Maggio's into a tradition of business, even since its beginning in 1936 on the Southeast corner of Amulet and Lee (now Martin Luther King).



Maggio's has been around for a lot longer than most students would imagine

photo by Eric Dutile

Buddy Maggio remembers its beginning.

"It was an old wooden building right on the corner. In those days, wine came in big, wooden barrels and beer you could only get in 12 oz bottles in wooden crates. Beer cans weren't around unitl after WWII." he added.

According to Buddy, Natchitoches went dry right before WWII, Joe went to war and Maggios closed. It wasn't until 1948 when Natchitoches was voted wet again, and the following year Maggios reopened.

The first drive-thru of any liquor retailer is accredited to Maggio's Liquor and Buddy gives all the credit to his nephew Charles Maggio for the idea.

"There were a couple of ladies, older customers that couldn't come in because of age, who would come up and blow their horn and we would go outside and help them," Maggio added. "One day Charles said we ought to just get a drive thru so we could help everyone from the inside."

The first drive thru, said Buddy, was right off the street and could handle only one car at a time. It was so successful that another drive thru was opened on the opposite side of the store.

Maggio's Liquor store expanded in 1968 and opened its current location across town on Hwy 1 South with its circular drive-thru and bar. One final step began a third Maggio's in 1970 right across the street from the original oddly enough, but soon closed in 1990 due to neighborhood deterioration, said John Maggio, current manager of Maggio's Liquor.

Maggio's Liquor held the attention of about 10,000 Natchitoches residents during its beginning, about 25,000 people now, and, John, the man in charge, last of the line for the Maggio family, said "I'll probably run this place till I pass away. I dreamed of a small fortune when I got in, but it didn't quite turn out that way. The late hours, up until 2 a.m., keep me busy, but I enjoy helping the students with their college the most."

In fact, John and the Maggio family have enjoyed the college crowd so much that through the years over 2,000 NSU students have been employed there.

Ten students are currently using Maggio's as a way to work through school and John says it's always fun to have the bunch around.

"There's always something to laugh about," said Maggio. "The good thing about Maggio's is that it makes us happy, the kids that work here happy, and it's a business where the customer always leaves with a smile on their face." Maggio concluded.

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The College Democrats will hold a meeting Wednesday, at 3 p.m. in Room 321 of the Student Union. All interested students are welcome to attend. Fundraisers, adopting a highway and other important matters will be discussed.

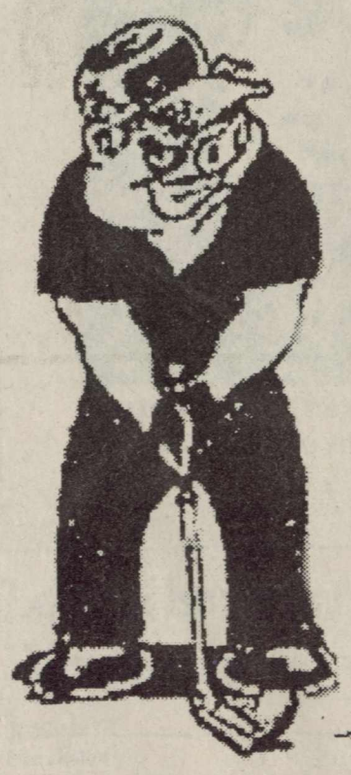
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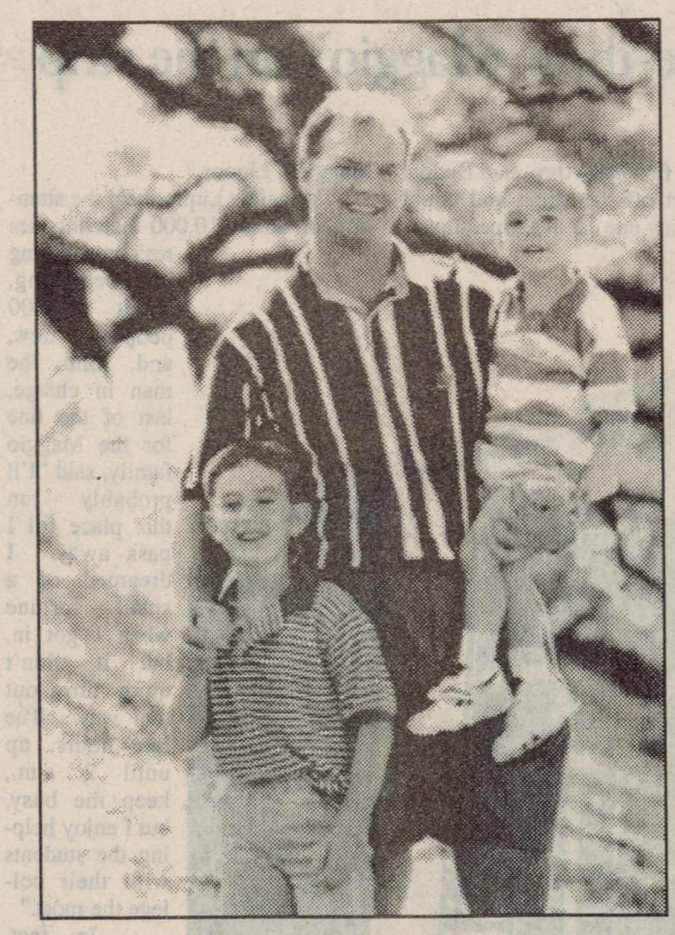
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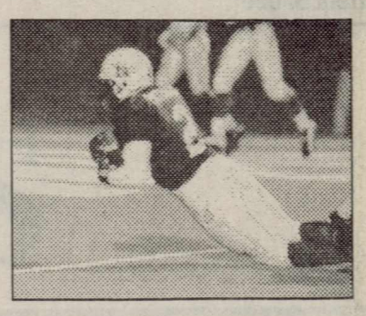
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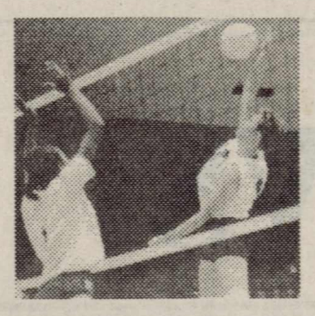
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Two new cable channels to support NSU-related programming

Kevin Brough
Contributing writer

Two new cable channels will support programming from and related to the NSU student body and campus, beginning in mid-November.

Both cable stations will be "informational in nature," Chip Turner, coordinator of cable television services, said. Cable Channel 21 is the University's channel.

This channel is not as far along in the planning stages, but Turner hopes it will begin soon.

It has several possibilities, Turner said, but for now, will be a "computer generated bulletin board that we can start fairly soon. Some of it may just be graphics and not programming, but we will have the capabilities for both."

"The bigger project - the one that's gaining the most attention - is what we are calling NSU 22, the community-wide channel," Turner said.

This channel will begin airing Nov. 20 to coincide with the investiture of Dr. Randall J. Webb, NSU president.

NSU 22 will offer a variety of educational programming, including college classes, athletic events, campus performances, lectures and continuing education courses. Other programs such as NASA Television, Shamu TV, Turner Broadcasting's electronic field trips and the Classic Arts Showcases will also be shown.

According to Turner, the Turner Broadcasting field trips will give students an opportunity to call in on the topic. The first field trip is "Calculations on a curve ball" in association with the Atlanta Braves Training Camp in February. In April the field trip will be from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta and in May, students can "visit" Hong Kong as they make the transition back to China.

There has been an interest in having a cable channel for many reasons, from improving relations with the community to broadening student experiences, Turner said.

Turner came to NSU with experience in cable television.

"I wanted, as did the rest, to see this (cable channel) happen and was given the assignment to pursue it," Turner said. "And in dealing with the cable company, when we came up for the renewal of the contract, the cable folks also wanted to see this happen."

Turner sees this channel as an example of what a cable company and a university can do when they work together.

"Dr. Webb and TCA Cable TV Executive Vice President Sam Holland worked together previously to bring various college programming to Natchitoches and Winnfield via cable and the venture was very well received," Turner said. "Based on good experiences like Natchitoches and Winnfield and the tremendous production equipment at NSU, we decided to establish an NSU channel which could be somewhat of a pilot relationship between a cable company and a university."

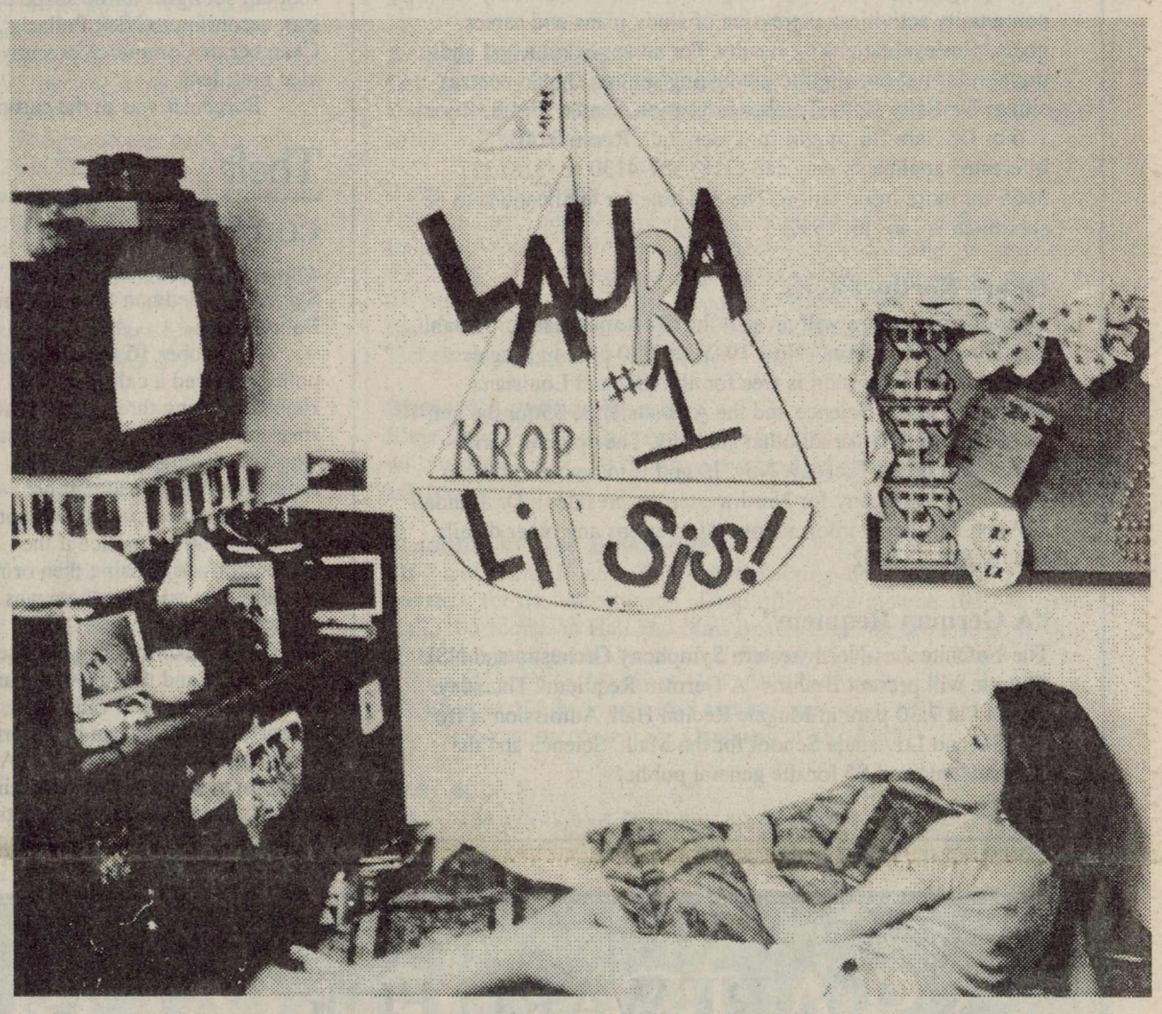
As part of the cable agreement, all incoming cable signals to the campus will be incorporated into one feed which will now originate from Kyser Hall.

"All of the main buildings on campus will also have cable running to Kyser so as to enable us to do live programming from many of the campus buildings, Turpin Stadium and Prather Coliseum," Turner said.

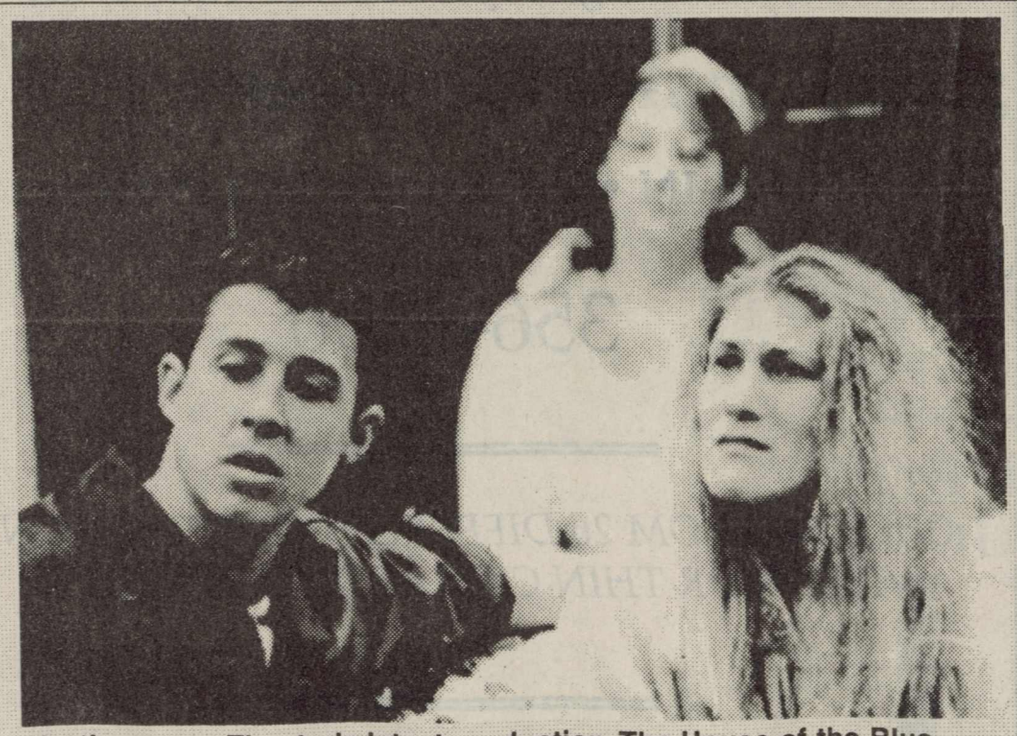
In conjunction with these two channels, the Northwestern Cable Programming Advisory Council was formed. This organization will be responsible for helping to determine what programming is acceptable as well as in keeping with the purposes for which the channels are being established by the University and TCA Cable.

Members of the Council include Sujuan Boutte', Bill Brent, Sherlynn Byrd, Greg Burke, Chris Maggio, Dr. Ron McBride, Melissa Peveto, Dr. Jim Pratt, Dr. Anthony Scheffler and Turner.

Information on Channel 22 can be found on the University's web page at: http://www.nsula.edu/~nsu22/nsu22.html



Laura Harper takes time out to watch some of the University's programming
file photo



Northwestern Theater's latest production, The House of the Blue Leaves, takes to the stage Thursday. See page 3 for a complete preview.
photo by Steve Evans

Greek 1010 promoting inter-Greek unity, involvement in the Greek system

Stacey Michaels
Staff writer

Northwestern's Greek community is striving to promote inter-Greek relations and involvement in the Greek system through a new program, Greek 1010.

Greek 1010 is a mandatory series of educational workshops for new members in the Greek system. "Greek 1010 is designed to primarily teach new members to be good citizens in the Greek community," Reatha Cox, Assistant Director of Organizations and Greek Affairs, " said.

Although other schools have similar programs, Greek 1010 was implemented on Northwestern's campus as a result of the tremendous growth of the Greek system in the last year. According to Cox, the addition of two new Greek organizations, Alpha Omicron Pi and Sigma Nu, has brought new member involvement in the Greek system up to approximately 300 people.

Greek 1010 is a series of three workshops, Nov. 5, 12 and 19, lasting two hours each. Each workshop concentrates on a different aspect of Greek life.

Greek 1010 is conducted by 23 Greek Facilitators. They are initiated members from different campus fraternities and sororities. Facilitators were chosen through an application process based on interest and potential for contributing to the program. They lead individual groups through activities and discussions designed to make new members aware of current issues in the Greek community.

"I am glad that I was chosen to be part of such an important program," Heather Ragsdale, Greek facilitator, said.

The first session, held Last Tuesday, emphasized team building exercises that focused on trust building, Greek unity, communication and group planning.

"I think Greek 1010 was very successful," Cox said. Cox added that nearly 250 new members participated.

The second session will stress Greek public relations focusing on Greek image and a reflection on who Greeks are. The last session will focus on living fraternity or sorority rituals.

Generally, reactions to the Greek 1010 program were varied. Most students enjoyed the program while others went because it was required. "I am glad to have the opportunity to learn more about the Greek system," Emily Leonard, a member of Phi Mu Fraternity, said.

Although Greek 1010 is a new program, it will be continued on a smaller scale in the Spring semester. According to Cox, Greek 1010 will undergo constant change in an effort to better the program.

"Certainly, we will evaluate suggestions from facilitators and participants to make Greek 1010 a success," Cox said.

Applications for Greek facilitators will be available in February. The Spring session of Greek 1010 will be a training ground for next year's facilitators. To obtain more information about Greek 1010, contact the Office of Greek Life in room 214 of the Student Union.

Lack of funds causing academic journal cancellations in Watson Library; will hinder research efforts by students

Tatum Lyles
News Editor

Watson Memorial Library is being forced to terminate the subscriptions for many of the journals used for departmental research due to a lack of funds.

According to Director of Libraries Dr. Ada Jarred, a final decision has not yet been reached as to which publications will be cut.

There will be approximately a 26 percent reduction of the amount of money spent on these materials.

"Part of the reason we are in this tight spot is because of accreditation of programs," Jarred said.

She went on to explain that the enhancement money the library used to receive towards subscriptions is no longer available from the administration.

Jarred also commented that the rising prices of the journals is a contributing factor for the lack of funds. They continually increase in cost and are more expensive for the library than personal subscriptions because they are for public use.



Jarrett

"This is something we are forced into because of the limited funding from the state," Jarred said.

"All of our expenses are increasing," Jarred said. Much of the money that was originally used for keeping the library well supplied with research materials is now used for operating costs.

The process of choosing which journals are to be discontinued has been a slow, cautious one. The decision to terminate the materials was made by several people including some of the many department heads and Dr. Tom Burns, academic vice president.

The staff involved in choosing has worked to ensure that the loss of these materials affects the student body as little as possible. "We are trying to discard titles used primarily by faculty for reference," Jarred continued.

Student arrested on felony theft, forgery charges

Carroll DeMas
Staff reporter

A student has been arrested on felony charges and $3,000 worth of stereo equipment is missing as two unrelated thefts hit Northwestern.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., Nov. 6, campus police apprehended Tamika Boston on two counts of theft and six counts of forgery.

"There may be additional charges pending," Det. Sgt. Doug Prescott said.

The arrest occurred after Boston's suitemate at Sabine Hall, Terra Martin, reported her checkbook, driver's license and student ID missing to campus police.

Boston allegedly stole the checks from Martin and forged several of them. The amounts of the checks forged so far totals about $800. This makes the theft charges felonies as well as the six counts of forgery.

"We are also questioning several other people about this and there may be some other arrests." Prescott said. Prescott said that university police were not positive that there would be other arrests, but he suspected that there were other people with knowledge of this incident.

There is an ongoing investigation.

Prescott was aided by anonymous tip when he was trying to apprehend his suspect, "We developed some leads from that and then just followed up on it. Once I got her [Boston] in here she confessed. " Prescott said.

It is not known as of yet if Boston will be expelled from Northwestern. She is on interim suspension at this time pending an administrative hearing.

In an unrelated incident, $3,000 worth of public address

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News

Campus Briefs

Reunion
The Office of Development and Alumni Affairs will host its annual 50 plus Club Reunion Saturday, Nov. 16 for those NSU alumni who graduated over 50 years ago. A 10:30 a.m. reception is scheduled to be in the President's Room of the Friedman Student Union. Following that, lunch will be served in the Student Union Ballroom. For more information, contact Elise James at (318) 357-4414.

Phi Kappa Phi Applicants
Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society is inviting applications from senior students for competitive fellowships worth up to $7,000 for full-time, first-year graduate or professional study. Fifty of the prestigious fellowships will be awarded nationwide. Thirty additional honorable mention awards of $1,000 will be made available. The selection process includes scholastic achievement, high standardized test scores, honors and enrichment programs, leadership and participation in university and community activities, expression of study plans and career goals, plus evaluations by faculty. For an application and additional information, eligible graduating seniors should contact either: Dr. Sally Hunt, Teacher Education Center, Pod B, Room 116 or Dr. Sara Burroughs in Kyser Hall, Room 314L. Interested applicants may call (318) 357-4130 or (318) 357-5665 for more information. The deadline for applications to be submitted is Jan. 15, 1997.

Opera Northwestern
Opera Northwestern will present the Christmas classic "Amahl and The Night Visitors" Nov. 19-21 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Admission is free for all NSU and Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts students, $5 for the general public and $1 for all other students. The opening performance will be on Tuesday, Nov. 19 and is to be a part of the Investiture Ceremony for Northwestern's president, Dr. Randall J. Webb. For ticket information, reservations any other details, call (318) 357-5762.

"A German Requiem"
The Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra and NSU Chorale will present Brahms "A German Requiem" Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Admission is free to NSU and Louisiana School for the Math, Science and the Arts students and $5 for the general public.

Christmas festival history ties in with its modern purpose

Jeremy Ekberg
Staff reporter

The Natchitoches Christmas Lights Festival is rapidly approaching and for such a world renowned festival, most people in the community still know little about the history and general workings of it.

To the best of anyone's knowledge, the festival was started by a man named Max Burgdorff after the development of parallel circuits for lights. This development improved Christmas lights and enabled them to be made in longer strands.

The festival began in 1927 when Burgdorff put up an eight foot tall set lights in the shape of a star, according to Nick Pollacia Jr., Chamber of Commerce executive vice president.

"Burgdorff was at the cutting edge of technology," Pollacia said.

After the original star was erected, the city decided to do more and more. There are now 77 set lights, 17 of which are new, in addition to countless lights strung through the city streets.

> "The whole purpose behind the festival has been family enjoyment, in the season that everyone enjoys..."
> Nick Pollacia Jr.

The fireworks shows began in 1936 according to Pollacia, and are sponsored, along with the parade, by the Chamber of Commerce. The lights themselves are paid for by the city.

The festival, which will be held on Dec. 7, is paid for by the city of Natchitoches with help from area sponsors like The Alexandria Daily Town Talk, Harrah's, The Louisiana Lottery and various others. These businesses will help the city pay for its large electric bill.

In return, the business will benefit from the tourism and money brought in by festival goers, according to Pollacia. He also added that the money is not the reason for the Christmas festival.

"The whole purpose behind the festival has been family enjoyment, in a season that everyone enjoys," Pollacia said. "It's a celebration."

Even Pollacia is amazed at how a small town can attract such a large crowd of tourists. According to Pollacia, the lights will be on Nov. 27 through Jan. 6 and should result in approximately 400,000 people coming to Natchitoches. Also, he said that the day of the parade brings an average of 200,000 into the city.

Pollacia has talked to people who came from as far away as Europe and Alaska for the celebration and is proud of how well-known the festival is.

"This festival has been listed as one of the top 100 events in North America, five times in the past ten years by the American Bus Association," he said.

Theft

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equipment was stolen from the Sylvan R. Friedman Student Union Ballroom.

On October 16 the campus police received a call from Carl Henry reporting three Dawn brand speakers and two Dawn brand subwoofers missing from the ballroom. Henry reported that he locked the ballroom that night at 10:30 and did not notice if the equipment was missing then or not.

Prescott said that there was no sign of forced entry.

The speakers were purchased by the SGA and the university and were less than a year old. Any information on this can be reported to campus police at 357-5431. A crimestoppers reward is also being offered to anyone with information that leads to an arrest and conviction in the theft.

Fashion show to be held this week

Tommy Whitehead
Contributing writer

Northwestern students will be able to get a look at the latest fall and winter fashions this week- in their local cafeteria.

The first Fall Fashion Fiesta will be presented Thursday during the lunch rush in the Student Union cafeteria. This fashion show is part of a Student Personnel Services group graduate project.

"We've tried to target a multitude of diversity," Sandra Neal, SPS graduate student, said. "We want to have something that non-traditional, traditional and multicultural students would be interested in. Everybody is interested in looking their best."

Clothing will be provided by area businesses and will be modeled by "Northwestern's finest men and women," Neal said.

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"The House of Blue Leaves" promises laughter and tears

Melanie Romero
Contributing writer

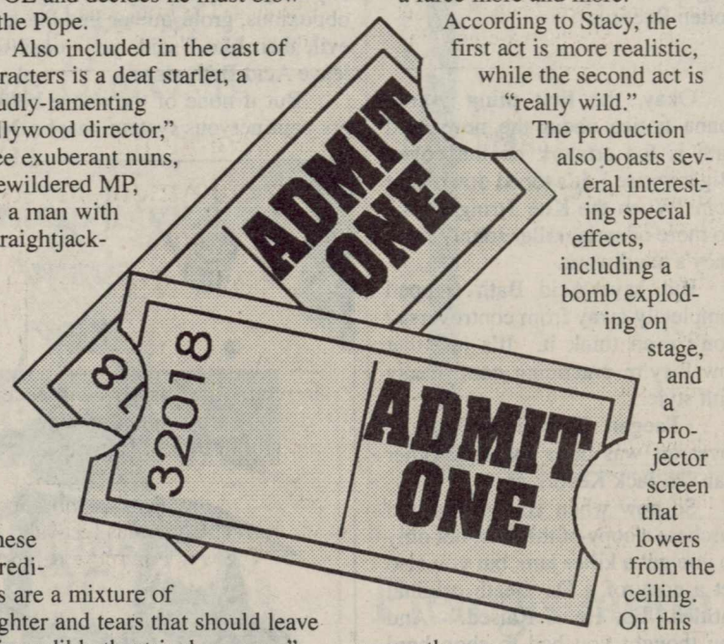
Northwestern's Theater allures audiences this week with their production of "The House of Blue Leaves," directed by Dr. Jim Stacy.

A "painfully zany tragic comedy" by celebrated contemporary playwright John Guare features a combination of comedy and tragedy; naturalism and slapstick humor all rolled into one award-winning show.

The setting of "The House of Blue Leaves" is in a "cold apartment in Sunnyside, Queens, New York City" on Oct. 4, 1965, 'the day that the Pope came to New York."

The plot centers around the life of Artie Shaughnessy, a zookeeper who possesses the unobtainable desire to reach Hollywood stardom as a songwriter, and his incredibly dysfunctional family. These include his wife, Bananas, who, out of desperation, behaves like a dog to win the attention of her husband; Bunny, Artie's mistress, who feeds the fire of Artie's passion to achieve stardom and Ronnie, Artie's son, who goes AWOL and decides he must blow up the Pope.

Also included in the cast of characters is a deaf starlet, a "loudly-lamenting Hollywood director," three exuberant nuns, a bewildered MP, and a man with a straightjacket.



"These ingredients are a mixture of laughter and tears that should leave an incredible theatrical memory," Stacy said.

The plot seems to go in many directions at once, creating a scene of almost complete havoc. While the play progresses, the family's mental state deteriorates proportionally to how the script resembles a farce more and more.

According to Stacy, the first act is more realistic, while the second act is "really wild."

The production also boasts several interesting special effects, including a bomb exploding on stage, and a projector screen that lowers from the ceiling. On this screen the prologue of the show will be shown, taped instead of live.

Stacy's reasoning for choosing this method included limited set area, since the prologue is set in a bar, and it also creates a more "dreamlike" or flashback feeling to the prologue.

The cast of characters include Mike Mayhall as Artie; Aimee Lasseigne as Bananas; Kayla LeMaire as Bunny; Clayton Chauvin as Ronnie; Stephanie Hodgdon as the deaf starlet; Brett Daigle as the Hollywood director; Allison Boudreaux and K. Renae Pullen as two of the nuns.

The third nun will be alternately played by Melony Eberling and Kelly Songy, Eric De Fratis plays the MP; Larry Bright is the man in white and Cory Pichoff is the piano man.

Stacy wishes to encourage everyone to attend this production because "it is representative of contemporary drama in its blend of the comic, the tragic, the theatrical, and the realistic."

The production runs from Nov. 14-21 in Theatre West. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. except the Saturday's performance which beings at 2 p.m.

For reservations or more information call 357-6891 or go by the Box Office in the Creative and Performing Arts Building.

Oooh oooh that smell, can you smell that smell: Aromatherapy

Heather Milligan
Staff reporter

Spikenard, Ylang Ylang, Ravensara, and Olibanum. To the average Joe, these words may sound like gibberish, but to any aromatherapist they are important tools of the trade.

Recently, Dawn Heyl, candlemaker and aromatherapist extraordinaire, offered a three hour aromatherapy lecture on campus, at the cost of $40 per person. (That counts out most college students.)

The room was filled with conflicting smells and tables piled with mysterious vials of unknown substances.

Heyl told the class that aromatherapy is the use of essential oils (concentrated extracts from plants, flowers and nuts) for emotional, physical, and aesthetic benefits. These oils can be used for anything from medicinal substitutes to culinary treats.

One can inhale scents to cure depression, rub the oil into wounds to heal and prevent scarring, and breath the fumes to detoxify the body.

The oils can even spice up an unexciting love life, or simply make you feel good. The aromatherapy practice itself has been around since the invention of distillation, a thousand years, and played an important role in medicine before penicillin.

During World War I, lavender oil and other essential extracts were used to heal wounds and prevent infection. However, with the coming of synthetic drugs and higher technology, the medicinal uses of

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Campus Connections

Phi Beta Lamda
Phi Beta Lamda will meet tomorrow at noon in rm. 108. Guest speaker will be CP-TEL internet services. The alternate meeting will be Thursday at 3:30 in rm. 108. Saturday PBL will meet outside the business building to go to PBL Fest. Fund raising money is due next Monday.

Society of Professional Journalists
SPJ will meet Thursday in 106 Kyser at 3:15 p.m.. All interested in joining may attend.

Sigma Gamma Rho
The ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho will be having fall rush Monday, Nov. 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Union. Requirements for membership include current enrollment, 2.3 GPA and 12 semester hours completed. For more information contact LaJuanna VanZant at 357-6573.

Alpha Lamda Delta
Alpha Lamda Delta will be holding a meeting for returning members tomorrow at 7 p.m. in 321 Student Union. Please attend or call 357-4309.

College Democrats
College Democrats will meet tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the 321 Student Union. Proposed fundraisers, community service and other important issues will be discussed.

Delta Sigma Theta
Delta Sigma Theta will begin a donation drive for the Natchitoches Battered Women's Shelter. Donations such as clothing and toiletries for women and children are requested and donations may be made in the Student Union, Varnado, Dodd and Sabine. Also, December 11 the Ladies of Crimson and Cream will be holding a Christmas Ball. Tickets go on sale Nov. 11. Pictures will be taken.

Student Activities Board
Elvis impersonators are needed as a form of entertainment. Costume will be provided by SAB. Anyone interested please call 357-6511 and ask for Liz Carrol.

Students in Free Enterprise
SIFE and Mail Boxes, Etc. are collecting new and slightly used sweaters for the unfortunate. Drop off points include 103 Morrison Hall, 105 Morrison Hall and Mail Boxes, Etc. We are also collecting aluminum cans to help the Animal Shelter raise money. There will be a drop off point in Morrison Hall. Weekly meetings will be held on Mondays in 108 Morrison Hall and are open to all NSU students. For more information contact Dr. Handlang at 357-5709.

Phi Kappa Phi
Phi Kappa Phi is now accepting applications for competitive fellowships worth up to $7,000. For mor information, contact Dr. Sally Hunt at 357-4130.

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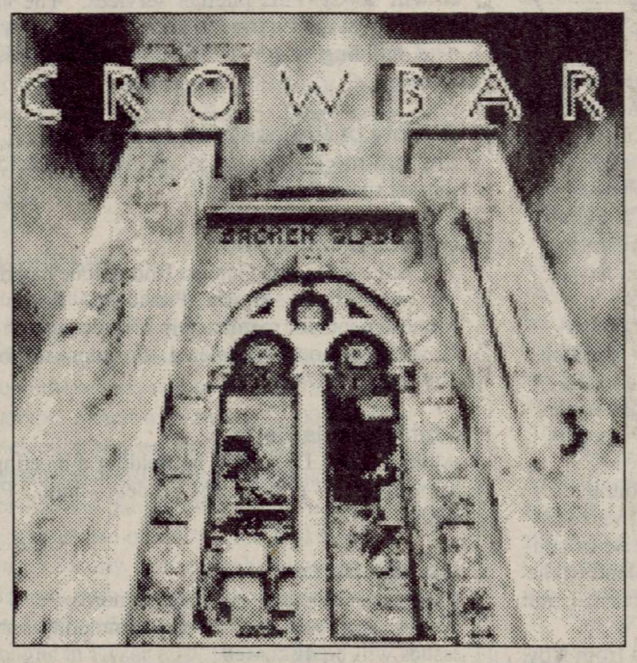
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The latest in metal music from Crowbar and Acid Bath

lesa thompson
Staff writer

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My most heartfelt advice to you is that even if you don't buy any other music this year, you NEED to make it a point to go out and get this one.

If you're already a CROWBAR fan, you'll be completely blown away by Broken Glass. And if for some reason you're not already a CROWBAR fan (and perhaps you've spent the last 20 years of your life locked away in a mental ward on Bora Bora), then get Broken Glass and you'll immediately want to add your name to the list of people who worship CROWBAR.

It's as simple as that.

I'm probably CROWBAR's most ardent enthusiast. Not only do I love their music, but they're also tops on my list of "People that I don't Hate." (Which, by the way, is no small accomplishment — it's a pretty short list.)

Anyway, if you read my interview with the guys a couple of weeks ago, then you know that I was a little bit upset about guitarist Matt Thomas' decision to leave CROWBAR and move to Oklahoma.

So let me take this opportunity to inform everyone as to how unfounded my fears were. Jay Abene has stepped in to take Matt's place as Axemaster Extraordinaire, and I have all the faith in the world that he's going to do an excellent job.

Not only is Jay a veteran of the music scene, but he's also a heck of a nice guy and his personality seems to fit right in with the rest of the band.

I can't wait to hear what elements he's going to add to the overall CROWBAR sound.

As for the sound on Broken Glass, what can I say? This truly is the most killer CROWBAR to date.

Don't get me wrong — I love everything that precedes Broken Glass, but none of it even touches this. Broken Glass is as hard-hitting as everything else that CROWBAR's ever done, but in a musical sense, this album covers more ground than all the albums before it combined.

CROWBAR have pushed the envelope to come up with an album that's super-heavy, but ultra-melodic.

There's nothing missing on this album. If you're looking for the slow rhythms that made you love CROWBAR in the first place, Broken Glass has 'em. And if you're looking for a song with a little more punch, Broken Glass has that, too.

Whatever you've been searching for in the Hallowed Halls of Metaldom, you're going to find on Broken Glass.

ACID BATH
Paegan Terrorism Tactics
Rotten Records

Okay, the first thing you're gonna notice about the new Acid Bath is the artwork on the cover. (Big surprise.) It's toned down a bit from "When the Kite String Pops." No more of serial killer John Wayne Gacy's handiwork.

But have Acid Bath stepped completely away from controversy? Don't even think it. It's just that now they're practicing controversy with style.

Paegan Terrorism Tactics' cover art was done by none other than Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

So now when you go out and purchase a copy of the disc, not only do you get a killer jam, but you also get a copy of a Dr. Death original entitled "For He is Raised." And you thought you had to shop hard for a bargain.

Anyway, most of you probably reading this review probably already know the deal. (If not, then e-read the first three paragraphs and see if you can figure it out.)

If you're the easy-to-offend type, then you need to leave Acid Bath alone.

They don't seem much like the kind of band that's going to lose any sleep over whether people can stomach them or not.

Acid Bath are obviously not afraid to be true to themselves and do whatever they want to do, public opinion be damned.

So if you tend to freak out over anything blasphemous, sacreligious, obnoxious, grotesque or imminently evil, then like I said, you need to leave Acid Bath alone.

But if none of the above bothers your nervous system, maybe this is the band you ought to be listening to.



The lyrics start the disc off with "Dying felt so g.d. good today. If I was ever alive, well, it's hard to say." Automatically, you know you're not in Kansas anymore, and the wicked witch is far from dead.

I know a lot of people won't be able to get passed the cover art and really give Acid Bath a chance, but whoever can will be better off for it in the long run.

Acid Bath's words really make my mind spin like crazy. And this, I believe, is a good thing.

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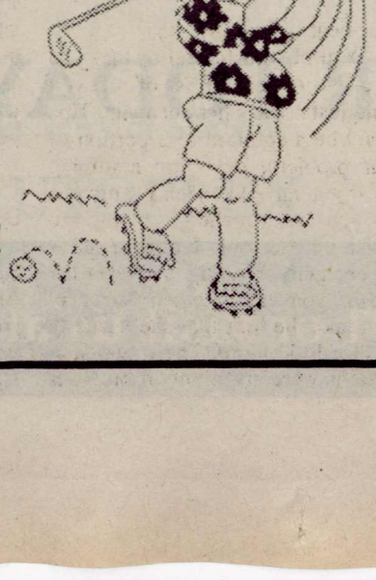
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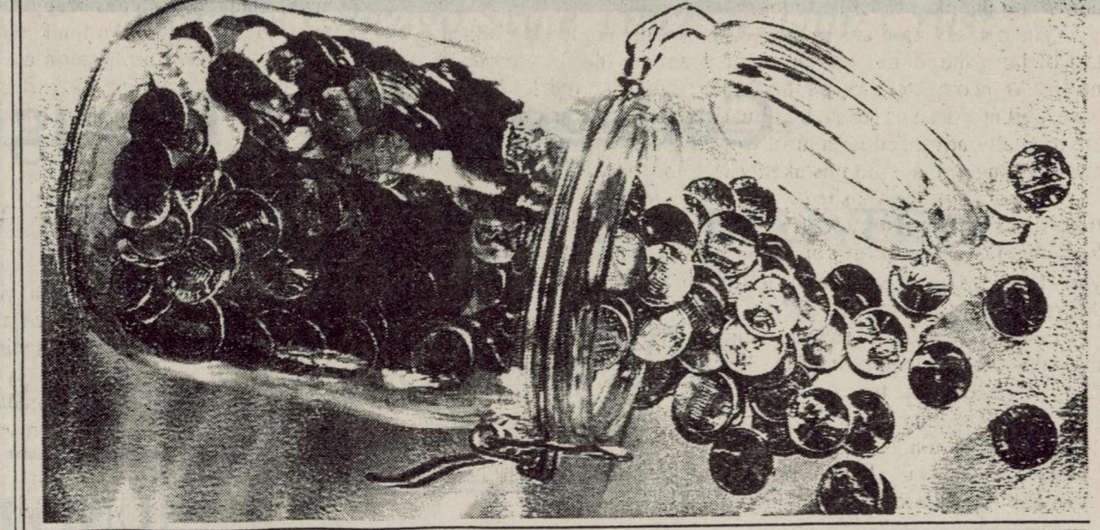
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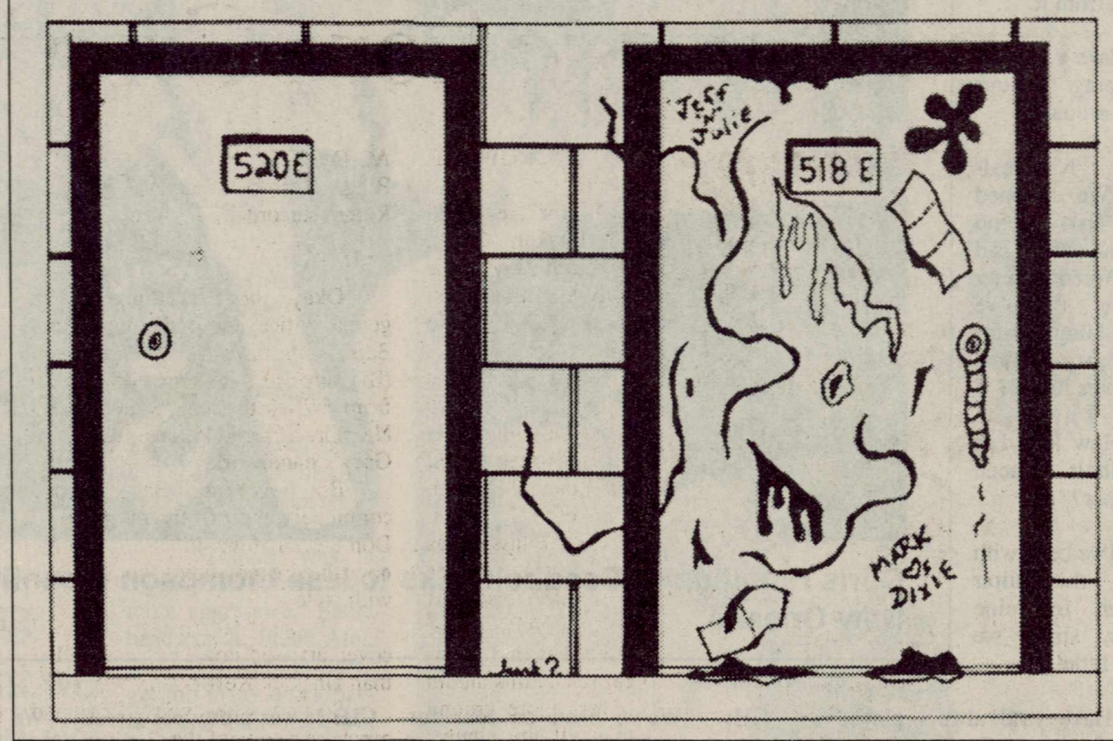
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Have you ever wondered what the strange noises coming from your neighbors' dorm room are?

Message and Artwork byMark Pierce

Our View

What were ya'll thinking?

One of the things that we pride ourselves on here at the Current Sauce is the fact that we are probably the most conservative staff this University has seen in a while. With that in mind we cannot help but express our great displeasure at the results of these last rounds of elections. We are amazed, amused and incredibly disappointed at the blatant ignorance of the American voting populous.

While only 48 percent of the registered voters actually took the initiative to vote only 28 percent of those who voted chose the honest and dependable Bill Clinton. If you can't tell, we are being very sarcastic.

Now that we have heard Bill tell us that if he could have the opportunity to use marijuana again he would inhale, future generations can feel free to follow the intelligent advice of our fearless leader. Why must someone in such a high position corrupt our society?

> "...if he [Bill Clinton] had the opportunity to use marijuana again he would inhale..."

There are thousands of little children that have the dream of one day being president. How is it going to look for their role model to be someone who is neck deep in the "White Water Scandal"?

The American people have said "Yes, it is okay to be a womanizing, draft-dodging, double-talking, felony-committing, french fry eating, dope-smoking, tree-hugging liberal. As a matter of fact, it is so acceptable, we will even let you be president."

What kind of sick reflection on our society is this and what does this say about the office of the president? It is sad to think that the most powerful position in the world that was once held by such prestigious men as Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan could be defiled by the likes of Bill Clinton.

The one saving grace in this whole situation is the Republican control of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Yes, Bill is much too incompetent to run the White House, but our founding fathers have well prepared us for such a situation by giving us a chance to choose the mentally advanced to control Congress to make up for the mentally impaired individual who mistakenly won the presidency.

Now that we are finished with Clinton, let us discuss our dear, sweet friend Ross Perot. Now, we here at the Current Sauce do not support Ross, we just pity him. If you really look at him and analyze his actions you might come to view him as the kind, old man we all could call "Grandpa."

No, Ross could not run the country, but one of the main reasons for this is his lack of mental stability. He is just a rich old man with a dream that will never come true.

The opinion of the Current Sauce editorial staff stands strong in times of corruption and lack of responsibility on the part of the American public. And we would like to emphasize the point that we would not complain at all if we had not exercised our right to vote.

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Preregistration aptly described as a "feeding frenzy" and nightmare

Hard-Earned Wisdom

Philip Wise

It is time once again for that time honored tradition that the majority of us look upon as nothing less than an excruciating headache - preregistration.

It is the very thing that we look forward to at the end of each semester. We bring our little newspaper full of potential classes to sit and discuss our options with our advisers.

We try to find out which classes we need to take in the spring to hurry us down the road of our education here at Northwestern.

We converse with our adviser trying to look at the overall picture that will set us closer to graduation, but all too often they don't want to be confined in their small office any more than we do.

Advisers mean well, but they have other things that occupy their mind just as we do. We think about what we need to do as soon as we get through planning our future schedule, how we need to write a report that is due in a few days and the many other problems we face at the end of the semester.

I am sure you get the picture - unless this is your first semester here at Northwestern.

I know I seem to be rambling on, but I am just trying to set the scene, as if you need any help understanding, you're already living the nightmare.

The problem that I have viewed in my four years is not with the quality of the advisers, but class availability. We study the paper choosing just the right classes and the appropriate section numbers to make the best possible schedule, when everything goes to sh*t.

The schedule that you have composed would have been the best ever.

You would be able to sleep a little later and you would really be able to party hard on Thursday night, because it ***was*** the perfect schedule.

Your advisers are happy to punch their keyboard entering the classes and the corresponding section number when - oh no, the class seems to be full.

This is a problem all to common to us here at Northwestern, and we are assured that this will happen.

Why should we take our time and our advisers' time, just to have a completely different schedule than what we had so carefully planned.

A schedule that forces us to get up early, one that has the strangest time frame. A schedule that can only be equaled by the horrible, "lets-see-how-screwed-up-we-can-be," freshmen schedule.

We try semester after semester to get advised earlier and earlier, but it never seems to matter.

It is like a shark feeding frenzy when the advisers' computers go online to enter what was once your perfect schedule.

It starts off with just one problem.

The class that you need was full, so you try another section. Good, it works. You're happy now, but the different section number interferes with more of your classes, then it begins.

Your in a mad race against all the other students trying to get a half decent schedule.

By the time the nightmare ends and you have your schedule enter in the computer you seem to have some peace and calm in your life.

Your adviser prints you a copy of the spring semester, that is when you realize the nightmare has just begun. The schedule that you have in your hand that you so carefully planned out has mutated into something that you will dread until the summer.

Where do all these people who occupy all these class slots reside. I don't believe that there are that many people on campus during preregistration to create a problem of this magnitude.

I know in the past that there was a problem with students who would preregister for classes and not come back the following semester.

The university finally caught on to this and issued a new policy which will hold whoever preregisters accountable for the classes they choose.

This new policy might help registration problems if the university sticks to their guns and enforces it.

On a closing note. Even with this new policy in effect the possibility of being locked out of a classes in the spring semester is foreseeable.

Something to think about, "phone in registration", but that's a whole other animal.

Response to courtesy in the community or lack thereof

Mr. Wise, I agree with your thoughtful observations concerning the lack of courtesy in our society. However, I would offer for your consideration that this phenomenon is not merely a "lack" but represents a death of the human.

We live in a post-industrial service oriented society in which the individual is offered unlimited autonomy. Technology makes it possible for the individual to do exactly what he or she wants to do any time they want to do it. The structures of human community are no longer necessary for the existence of the individual. Thus we experience deep alienation from others and the concept of community dies.

With the death of community we lose something of our humanity for we are essentially social beings. Without community the individual turns inward and expresses an unbalanced selfishness which is fed by the unlimited resources of our service oriented society. More and more of the human fades away until at last there is nothing left but a pure consumer. This new "consumer thing" is not merely a consumer of economic goods, the entire field of existence is now measured in terms of what will yield to me the most physical and emotional satisfaction. All else is without value.

Which brings us to your observations Mr. Wise. Courtesy and Respect are forms of communication which take place in communities made up of humans. Courtesy to another says to that person, "even though I do not know you personally I salute you for your humanity. Godspeed, Shalom, Peace be to you," or "may I assist you with that heavy package?" Respect grants reverence to our elders. But reverence is a sort of self abasement before another or the depriving of self. And as we have seen the self will not be deprived in our society.

Finally Mr. Wise, the problem of lack of Courtesy and Respect is not merely a problem of language, it is the very condition of our society. You have identified the symptoms in the uses of slang words such as "yeah" and "huh." But these words are only clues to the deeper problem. They will lead us to the selfish, rude, and ugly "consumer thing" uttering them. I hope this peace of wisdom is not to hard for you Mr. Wise but if you reflect on your last stroll through the student union and then consider my observations you might find them to be sound. Peace to You.

Chuck Norwood

Advice from a Higher Power

Dear Current Sauce,

I have been having problems with my roommate. She is driving me crazy. Her hair is everywhere and gets stuck to my feet when I walk across the room in socks. Our room has a very foul odor and I am beginning to think she needs a bath. How do I tell her to clean herself up?

Dirty in Dodd

Dear Dirty in Dodd,

Roommate problems are evident here at Northwestern by the numerous number of room changes made every semester. Yes, your roommate is a slob, but you can't sacrifice your feelings to spare hers. Tell her that the room smells bad and see if she does anything about it, if not, ask her to try showering daily. Tell her it is better for her health and that you are acting as a concerned friend. If all else fails, either tell the honest truth or request a room change, but it is pretty late in the semester for the second option.

Dear Current Sauce,

I finally asked out a girl that I have liked for months. We went out last week and had great time, but there is one problem, she has bad breath. What should I do? Do I drop a subtle hint, or just not ask her out anymore? I would appreciate any help you could give me.

Fear of the Foul Mouth

Dear Fear of Foul Mouth,

You obviously realize that you have two options. First of all, you could just not ask her out again. This would be a solution to a portion of your problem, but I am assuming that if you have liked her for months that you care for the girl enough to devise a better one. I suggest offering her gum or candy whenever the two of you are together. She may even take the hint that she needs to brush a little more. These two suggestions were given only if breath is that important and bothers you that much. If that doesn't help, either tell her the truth and be prepared for hurt feelings or end the relationship. In which case she must not be very important to you as a person.

Dear Current Sauce,

My roommate keeps loaning out my clothes to her friends. I hate her and she is very inconsiderate. I have asked her not to go through my closet or any of my things, but she still does. My clothes are missing when I want to wear them and when they show up, they smell bad and need washing. I cannot afford to wash all of the clothes that other people borrow. What can I do?

Annoyed

Dear Annoyed,

Many people here on campus can relate to your problem. Although it is late in the semester, you could request a room change or tell your RA. Let your roommate know that you will not stand for the treatment you are getting anymore. Tell her to stay away from your things and ask her how she would feel if you took her cloths all the time. If worse comes to worse, put locks on you closet doors or move out.

Yes, you too can seek the advice of the Current Sauce staff. We are fellow students who share a compassionate concern for fellow Demons so write or e-mail your questions and concerns to the Current Sauce. Questions can be turned in to The Current Sauce in room 225 of Kyser or E-mailed toCURRENTSAUCE@alpha.nsula.edu

Writer travels to New Orleans to interview band on the rise in their quest for a label

lesa thompson
Staff writer

I first heard Deadbolt the night they opened for CROWBAR at Zeppelin's. Before they went on, I wasn't familiar with their music and honestly didn't care whether I got to see them or not.

But once they took the stage, I knew I had to check these guys out and do an interview with them.

I was impressed by their sound and stage presence. They came across like they were playing in front of arena crowd of 20,000. Deadbolt gave it everything they had that night in New Orleans, and the crowd responded to it like they could tell.

Of all the bands I've seen this year, Deadbolt stands out in my mind as one of the strongest and best.

Deadbolt are as yet unsigned, but they're in the process of trying to get a deal. And if there's a label out there looking for a band with some serious anger control problems, Deadbolt's the band they need to jump on right away. These guys are hostile.

Here's what drummer Chris Hamilton had to say about the state of Deadbolt today:

lt: What deals do Deadbolt have in the works?

CH: We're looking for a deal. Right now we're unsigned, and we're doing it all ourselves. We're gonna be marketing our stuff in the next month to every label. And we've got a showcase in New York in November. Hopefully, something will come about from it.

lt: Have you been shopping your tapes around?

CH: Not really. We shopped our first demo around, but we had a different signer before. We've been doing this for about a year now with this lineup.

lt: How long has Deadbolt been together?

CH: I've been with Rian, the guitar player, for nine years, since we were little.

lt: Have ya'll always played so heavy?

CH: Pretty much. When we were a bit younger we did some lighter Metal, but basically, this is the natural progression of the band.

lt: How'd you wind up opening for CROWBAR? Pennsylvania's a pretty long drive to play a gig.

CH: We've been on tour for about a week and played a couple of shows in Ohio and Tennessee. We've been here for three days just hanging out. We're going home tomorrow to do some recording. But we try to tour as much as we can just to get out and play.

lt: How much time did it take to get the demo recorded?

CH: It was pretty easy, really. We did it in one day. We did it before we played even one show live. Now, we've been playing for a year and we're gonna do another demo and see what happens.

We've opened for a lot of bands. We've done some stuff with EYEHATEGOD, we've done stuff with Pro-Pain. We're going out with Pro-Pain next month to do a few dates. We just want to play and get a deal.

lt: Who are some of the bands that influence Deadbolt?

CH: Definitely CROWBAR, Souls at Zero, Pro-Pain, Danzig, Pantera.

lt: Describe your sound.

CH: It's tight. People seem to really dig it. Whenever people ask if we're a hard-core band or whatever, I just say it's heavy. I don't know how else to describe it — it's just heavy.

I would say we're definitely a Metal band. It's a mix of hard-core and Metal, but we're definitely influenced by Metal more so than anything.

lt: How does a Deadbolt tune come to be?

CH: We pretty much just go in a room and jam, and it's whatever comes about. We record all our sessions and piece it together. I write all of the lyrics, except for one song. It's all real personal stuff. I ended up writing because we didn't have a singer. It was just me and Rian for so many years. Then we got Tom in the band and it just flowed. It works.

We've had other guys that we've worked with, but this is the first real line up that we've had. I love it. I'd never want to play with anyone but these guys. We all get along great and it's a good vibe writing wise and on stage.

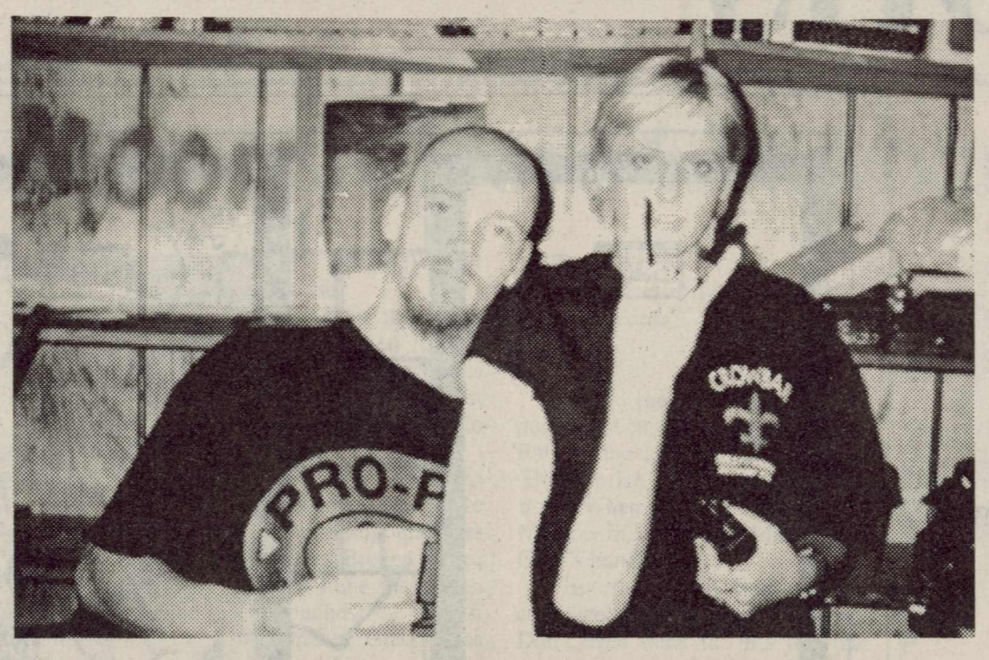
lt: What separates Deadbolt from all the other unsigned bands out there today?

CH: Our energy live. I think we bring an energy to the stage that a lot of bands don't bring. I feel like when we're up there, we're giving a hundred and ten percent. It's pretty intense. We play our hearts out every night.

lt: It's gotta blow your mind to think that you really only have out a three song demo, and here you are half way across the country opening up for CROWBAR.

CH: I feel really lucky. They treat us great. Kirk's the nicest guy in the world. For us to be playing with CROWBAR anywhere is great, especially with us being unsigned. It's definitely cool.

If we were at a level like CROWBAR or Pro-Pain, to me, that's success. This is all I've ever wanted to do. We've been together too long to quit.



Chris Hamilton of Deadbolt talks to lesa thompson recently in New Orleans

Aroma

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aromatherapy were overshadowed by the beauty and emotional aspects.

There are three ways essential oils can work; they can be absorbed through the skin, inhaled, or taken internally. But don't drink any of the oils unless you are under the supervision of an herbalist.

The foot and scalp are the best places for the oil to be absorbed through the skin. One helpful hint from Heyl is a remedy to "funky breath;" take a sprig of peppermint and put it in your sock. Soon, your breath will smell minty fresh.

In Japan, companies send different essential oils through the air conditioning vents at various times during the day to increase worker productivity.

For college students, rosemary can be used to encourage retention and peppermint can be inhaled to revive - now everyone can give up their Vivarin addiction. But beware: if the scent is unpleasant to someone, it will not work on them.

Aromatherapy can be a very expensive habit. The worst case scenario is the cost of rose oil. It takes 5,000 roses to make one pound of rose oil, bringing the cost to $2,500.

Most oils don't bite that hard into your pocket book. They average about $50 for a "good-size" bottle. Smaller vials are available at a cheaper price, of course and soaps, powders, creams are also available.

During the three-hour lecture, different scents were passed around the room. Heyl gave the class a list of descriptions like "cat smell, ambered, mossy and herabacious," to describe the scents.

The last part of the lecture was devoted to the beauty aspect of aromatherapy.

The class was given recipes, reminiscent of a witches brew, for night creams, hair conditioners, body lotions, and face cleansers.

Heyl also shared deep breathing exercises and raved about the advantages of baths over showers. Each member of the class was given a glass vial and their choice of oils to make a perfume.

Aromatherapy may seem like a new age fad that will lose its flavor after a while, but its base is beginning to widen and it has become an important part of many lives.

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Sports

Lady Demons' basketball team defeat Swedish team

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

The Lady Demons defeated Satila, a Swedish Club team, 81-49 in the season-opening women's basketball exhibition Thursday night.

Because the Lady Demons lost three of the most prolific players in school history, head coach James Smith felt that they still had the talent to make up for what they lost and he was right.

"We have a wealth of good young players and added with the talent we have returning, we have the ability to remain a good ballclub," Smith said.

Smith said that he felt that the Lady Demons performed very well Thursday.

"We have been working hard all week on defense and it really showed in the second half," Smith added.

Northwestern blew open a 43-34 half-time lead with strong defense, limiting the Swedish Club team to only four field goals in the entire second half.

Senior center Nicole Lacy, the only returning starter from last years 19-10 squad, scored 20 points and pulled down a career-high 20 rebounds.

Lacy grabbed 11 boards in the first half with sophomore sensation and Chase added 10 to a half which saw the Lady Demons pull down 24 offensive rebounds.

According to Smith, this year should be Lacy's coming out year. He said that she had the ability to make a real impact this year and Lacy proved Smith's theory right.

Junior forward, Amanda Cooper, a team leader as well as one of the best athletes on the team, scored 13; freshman guard Judy Clark, one of two extremely talented newcomers, scored 12 and sophomore guard Louise Chase scored 10 for Northwestern.

Chase, a second-team pre-season All-Southland Conference pick in her first year with the Lady Demons, added 11 rebounds and game-high 4 assists.

Satila experienced a 49 point loss against Tulane last Tuesday, which was their first of two losses in three days.

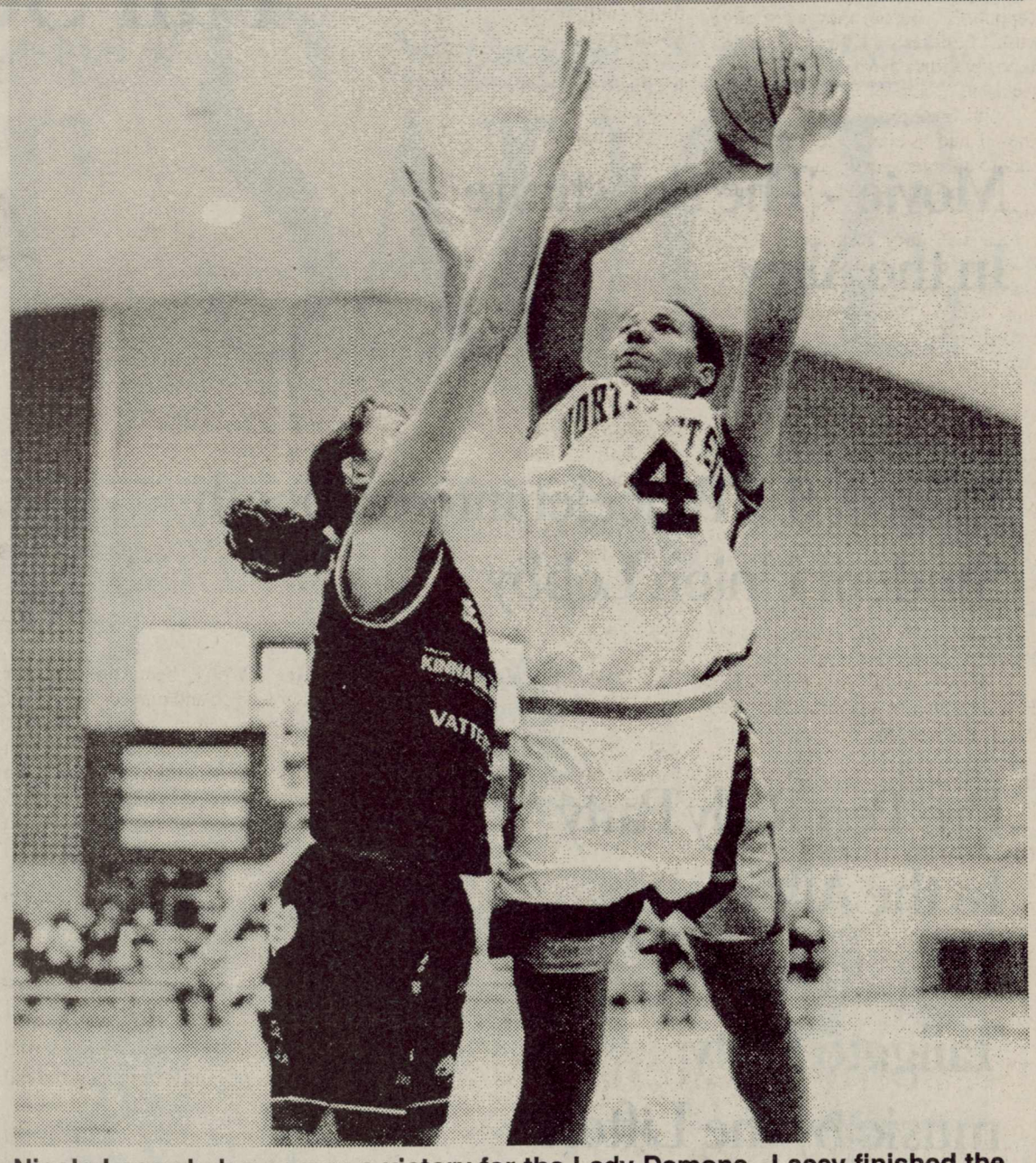
"Tulane was a bigger team although not more aggressive," Satila head coach, Frank Alm, said. "We let both teams get too many quick baskets and pull away in the second half."

Satila kept the game close in the first half with sterling play by shooting guard Anna Persson, hitting on six-of-seven shots for 15 points. She placed Satila with 20 points on 8-of-15 from the floor and 4-of-15 from the line.

"Our performance on defensive was mediocre at best," Alms added. "Not having our point guard Lillwi Lindstrom Thursday night really hurt us defensively."

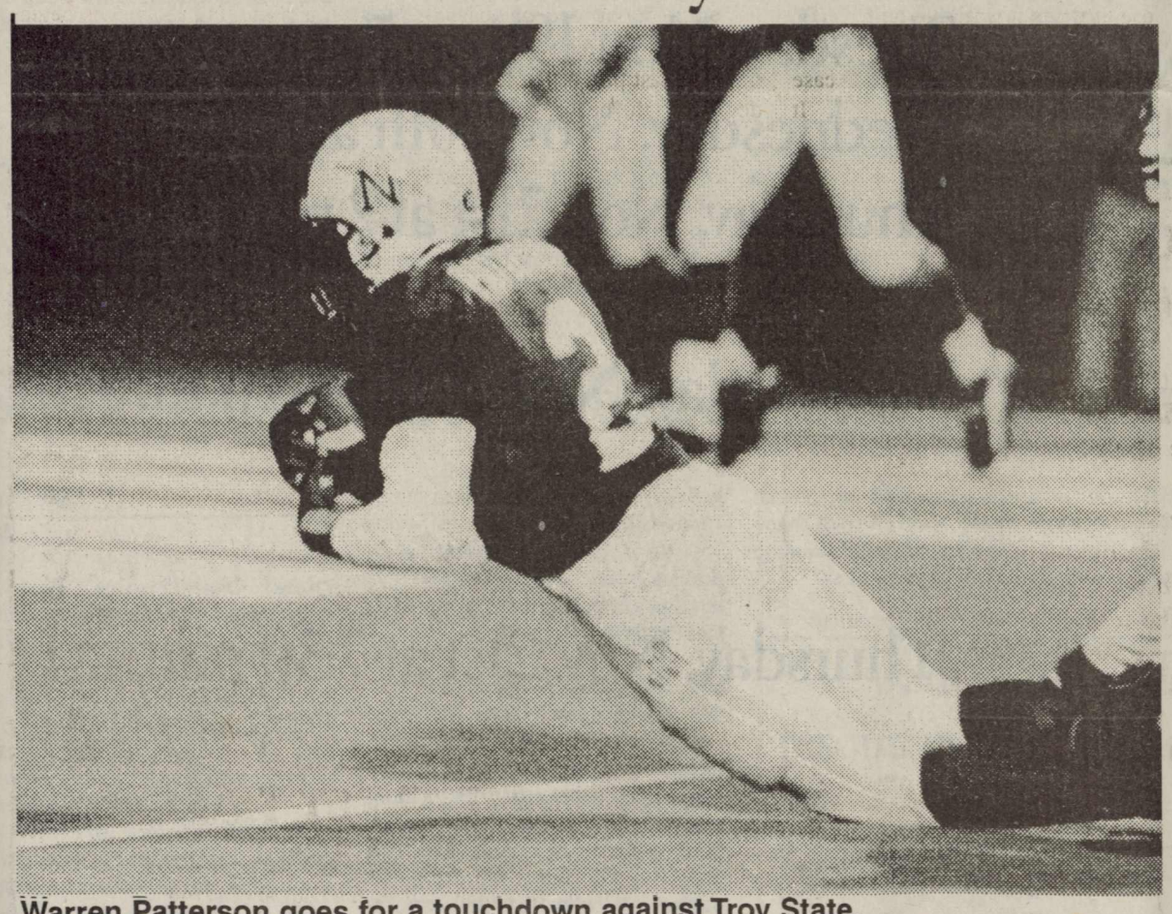
The Lady Demons will play their last exhibition game against Cen-Tex All Stars tonight at 7 p.m. in Prather Coliseum and the Demons will play the Barksdale Bombers at 7 p.m. Thursday.

> "We have a wealth of good young players and added with the talent we have returning, we have the ability to remain a good ballclub."
>
> Head coach James Smith



Nicole Lacey helps secure a victory for the Lady Demons. Lacey finished the game with 20 points and 20 rebounds. photo by Steve Evans

Demons lose to Troy State in Southland Football League showdown



Warren Patterson goes for a touchdown against Troy State.

photo by Eric Dutile

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

After last Saturday night's loss to Troy Sate, the Demon football team's chances for post-season play hinge on the last two games of the season, starting with their final home game Saturday night against McNeese.

Kickoff is 7 p.m. at Turpin Stadium. Tailgating begins a 4 p.m. and the senior members of the Demon team will be recognized in pregame activities at 6:45 p.m.

The Demons need to win the last two games to have a chance at the Division I-AA playoffs. Their chances of winning the conference championship probably went out the window when a talented No. 5-ranked Troy State team won in Turpin Stadium.

Fullback Joe Jackson ran for two touchdowns to start Troy State on the road to a 26-13 victory over Northwestern Saturday night in a Southland Football League matchup of nationally ranked Division I-AA teams.

Visiting Troy State, rose to 8-1 overall and a league-leading 4-1. Northwestern, ranked 19th, fell to 5-4 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

Jackson scored on a 15-yard run to cap Troy State's first possession. The Trojans blocked a punt two minutes later and took over at the Demons' 15, with Jackson plunging across from 1 yard out to lift Troy State up 14-0.

Northwestern cut the lead in half when backup quarterback Brandon Emanuel hit Pat Palmer on a 30-yard touchdown pass 9:12 before halftime. Emanuel replaced injured starter Warren Patterson, who left with a muscle pull but returned in the fourth quarter after Emanuel was sidelined with an ankle injury.

Troy State padded its lead when Matt Huerkamp hit a 29-yard field goal on the last play of the first half. Northwestern had blocked a 39-yard attempt one snap before, but the Demons were penalized for a personal foul, allowing the Trojans a second chance. Northwestern couldn't cut into the lead in the third period. The Demons got to the Trojans' 23 but lost the ball on downs 2:27 before the end of the quarter.

Troy State iced the game with a Huerkamp 30-yard field goal and Arrid Gregory's 6-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, building a 26-7 lead. Patterson drew the Demons within two scores with a 6-yard touchdown keeper with 2:53 remaining, but Troy State recovered an onside kick and Northwestern didn't threaten to score again.

Troy State can clinch at least a share of the SFL championship by winning next week at Sam Houston State. The Demons must win their last two games for a bid into the Division I-AA playoffs as a at-large selection. This was discussed after the game when former Demon football great Gary Reasons challenged the team to win the last two games for themselves and then let the playoff business take care of itself.

This got two senior captains, Grant Crowder and Josh King "all fired up," King said. "I have lost every game that we have played against McNeese and I don't want to go out like that," King added

Crowder added in an emotional moment that, "we always play well until November and then we slide. We need to start a change and finish up strong and win these last two games."

The change all starts this Saturday as the Demons face off with McNeese in the final home game of the season at 7 p.m.

Volleyball team to finish up season at home

Matt Baum
Contributing writer

The Lady Demon Volleyball season is coming to an end.

Northwestern's Volleyball Team played three tough matches last week. They started at home on Tuesday and lost three games 15-5, 15-8, and 15-7 to La. Tech. Even though the Demons lost to Tech, Assistant Coach Alexis Dankulic was proud of the team.

"This was possibly the smartest game we've played all season," Dankulic said. "The Bulldogs have a very good team."

"Two big differences in the game were Tiffany Cronin and Lynar DeLuca. Cronin is typically a power hitter and the coaching staff worked with her previous to the game to improve her finesse."

"Tiffany played really smart," Dankulic said. "She has definitely improved her court sense."

Cronin's power was not absent though, she had 14 successful kills and a .565 hitting percentage.

DeLuca's contribution was on defense. She had 12 digs and really helped keep the Demons in the game.

"This is the first time DeLuca has really gotten a lot of playing time," Dankulic said. "She really made a big difference."

Next, the Demons ventured to Nacogdoches, Texas. to play the No. 1 team in the Southland Conference, Stephen F. Austin. The Lady Lumberjacks beat the Lady Demons three games to none and won the match.

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>
> Alexis Dankulic

"Stephen F. Austin's Brooke Newbury and Krisna Jacquett just played incredible," Dankulic said. "There is just not much you can do against the No. 1 team in the conference with powerful outside hitters like them."

Newbury and Jacquett had a combined total of 25 kills.

The Demons wrapped up their road trip in Huntsville, Texas, Saturday afternoon against the Sam Houston, the No. 2 team in the Southland Conference.

The Demons played great and kept it close but lost the match to the Bearkats 15-11, 15-9 and 15-13.

"We won some really long rallies that we've had trouble doing in the past," Dankulic said. "I'm very proud of how hard the Lady's played."

Cronin had another very successful game offensively with 15 kills and a .303 hitting average. She also fought hard in the back court with 12 digs.

Amy Warren also played well offensively with nine kills and a hitting average of .348 percent. Andrea Zegac did a great job of setting these kills with her 31 assists.

Defensively, Delphia Livings had an outstanding 19 digs. The NSU Volleyball Team has two more matches this season, both at home.

They will play Texas-San Antonio on Friday at 7 p.m. and Southwest Texas on Saturday at 3 p.m. According to the coaching staff everyone is invited to attend these games at Prather Coliseum and support the Lady Demons as their season comes to an end. Admission is free.

Athlete of the week; Sophomore Quarterback Brandon Emanuel

Philip Wise
Staff reporter

Brandon Emanuel's noble effort during the grueling Northwestern—Troy State game made him Athlete of the Week.

Emanuel a 6-2, 208 lb., sophomore comes to us from Panama City, Fla. He has one letter from Norhtwestern's football program.

Emanuel relieved injured quarterback Warren Patterson early during the second quarter of play.

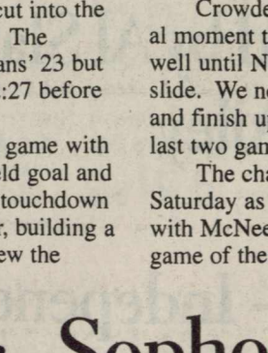
"It was exciting to get in the game when it really ment something," Emanuel said. "I felt sorry for Warren and didn't want to get to play that way. I did some things right , but any of the credit should go to the offensive line."

Sam Goodwin head football coach said, "Emanuel held his composure even being in the tough situation that he was in. He stepped in the second quarter to help in a game that quite possibly was the most challenging team on our schedule," Goodwin added.

Emanuel had 177 yards of total offense rushing for 45 yards with ten carries. Emanuel threw his first career touchdown pass for 30 yards hitting Pat Palmer with 9:12 to go before the half. He completed 7 out of 12 passes for a total of 132 yards passing.

"It was a great feeling to play, it was like my heart was going to jump right out of my chest," Emanuel expressed. "Palmer ran a good route and made a nice catch while the offensive line gave me plenty of time."

"I was really happy for him to get in there and play," Doug Ruse quarterback coach said. "Brandon has been waiting for a long time to get some play."



Emanuel

"He led the team down the field well and tried to make the best of a bad situation," Ruse continued.

After a devastation blow Emanuel was forced out of the game in the fourth quarter do to a severe ankle injury.

Emanuel was in the process of running the ball when he was hit bringing him down. During the pile up he was hit in the ankle causing tendon damage. Sports Information said that he would probably be out the rest of the season.

Emanuel was redshirted last season after starting two games as a freshman. He was MVP of the Joe Delaney spring football game, throwing for 225 yards and one touchdown.

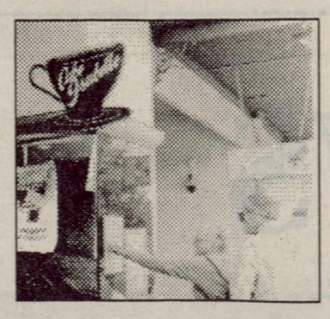
SAB Calendar of Remaining Events for the Fall Semester

Movie - The Substitute In the Alley	Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13th at noon Thursday, Nov. 14th at 2 p.m.
Lady of the Bracelet interest booth Student Union Lobby	Monday, Nov. 11th Wednesday, Nov.13th 11 a.m. till 1 p.m.
Pre Pep Rally Party In the Alley	Friday, Nov.15th 7 a.m. till 10 p.m.
Tailgate Party music by the Lifters behind Turpin Stadium	Saturday, Nov. 16th 4:30 till 6 p.m.
Movie - Mission Impossible In the Alley	Tuesday, Nov. 19th at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20th at noon Thursday, Nov. 21st at 2 p.m.
Lady o f the Bracelet interest party In the President's Room	Wednesday, Nov. 20th at 8 p.m.
NSU Jazz Band Concert directed by Al Slatter In the Alley	Thursday, Nov. 21st at 7:30 p.m.
Movie - Independence Day In the Alley	Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4th at noon Thursday, Dec. 5th at 2 p.m.
Finals Cram Jam NSU Jeopardy - Cash Prizes In the Alley	Tuesday, December 10th 8 p.m. till 10 p.m.

Please donate to the canned food drive. Drop off your donations at 214 Student Union.



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Confused about which local coffee house to frequent? see page 3 for a head-to-head review of both

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End of semester book pricing headaches blamed on professors, publishers and students alike

Jeremy Ekberg
Staff reporter

Students constantly complain when they sell books back to the bookstores at the end of the semester. Most even blame the stores when they don't get much money back for their textbooks.

Who's fault is it really?

Sources at both NSU bookstores say it is a combination of several things. Professors, publishers, and the student body, along with poor communication between them, all contribute to the problem Lee Waskom, owner of Campus Corner, said.

The policy of book buying at both stores is that students will receive one-half the price they paid, whether they bought it new or used.

This is unless the book is sold back before the end of a semester, in which case it will be bought by the store for the wholesale price.

Wholesale price is also given for a book when enough books have already been bought back to meet the needs of the teachers.

For example, Waskom said, more English 1010 books are needed in the Fall than in the Spring because most freshman take that class in the Fall.

Waskom also said sometimes two different wholesale guides offer two different prices for a book, but the store will give the higher amount to the student.

"We try to give the student, as best we can, the better wholesale price." Waskom said.

The problems with the system arise when professors decide not to use the same books two or three semesters in a row or do not order the books they want for their classes on time, Jan Posey, manager of the University Bookstore, said.

"Each semester, before the semester begins, we send a letter to the professors, called an adoption letter, because they choose the books they are going to adopt for the next semester." Posey said.

> "We try to give the student, as best we can, the better wholesale price."
> Lee Waskom, Campus Corner owner

These letters are used to determine what books will be bought back and used again by other students.

"The professor doesn't have to go with a new edition." Posey said.

She added that most do in order to get updated information but that the publishers are at fault for making so many new editions.

"It could be miscommunication sometimes." she said.

The result of this miscommunication is that it costs students. If a class uses a new edition, a student will only get the wholesale price for his old book instead of the half price he would get if the book was used again.

The over 800 titles used by the University have about a 25 percent markup, Posey said, and only half of those are used for both Fall and Spring semesters. She added that the markup is small compared to that of most industries.

Publishers like Harper Collins, however, charge high prices for their books because they make their money off the original sale to the stores and nothing off the resale.

"They [the publishers] are trying to kill all the old editions," Waskom said.

According to Waskom, the publishers do this so they can come out with new editions and make more money.

"They just take the chapters and reshuffle them." Waskom said, in reference to new editions. "Publishers have a monopoly."



A combination of professors, publishers and student miscommunication all contribute to the headaches associated with selling textbooks.

photo by Steve Evans

Students and faculty to combine efforts in designing new University web page

Ben Scroggs
Staff reporter

NSU students and faculty members are joining forces for a new internet project.

The project's mission; "Design the best web page ever made," said Dr. Anthony Scheffler, assistant dean of graduate studies. Dr. Tom Hanson, dean of graduate studies, is excited about the project.

"We're looking forward to developing a professional, leading-edge appearance on the web with a university introductory page, which will then provide links that talk about academic programs, student activities, and things like that," Hanson said.

Northwestern's current web page was created two years ago and Scheffler believes it doesn't meet modern needs.

"The page is deteriorating, and is not the type of page people will come back to see." Scheffler said.

How did the idea for student input arise? According to Scheffler, "There has been a gradual concern with mechanisms to be put in place to update the page, not just with information, but to make it a dynamic page with dynamic resources and technology that wasn't available two years ago. That's where students come in." Sheffler added.

"We're looking in the neighborhood of three to five students." Hanson said.

> "We want cutting edge (pages) with resources they (students) need..."
> Dr. Anthony Scheffler

"Students won't be paid for this, but there are other forms of compensation." Scheffler said. "I just want to hear from the students what it is they want out of this. Some might want some type of professional recognition in their field. "Just saying that I helped redesign NSU's web page on my resume is enough for me,." Jonathon Wallace said. Everything's tentative." Scheffler added.

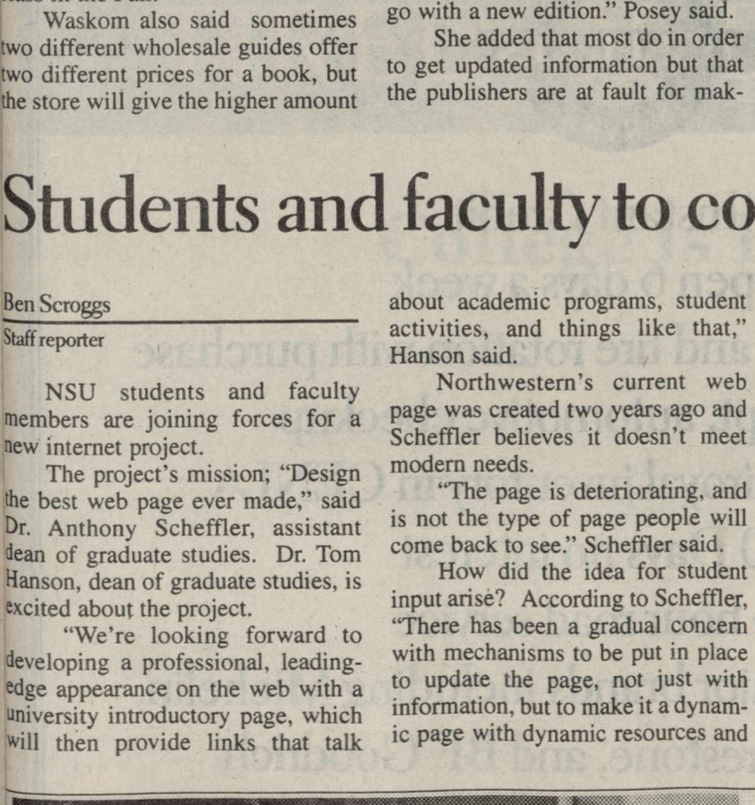
Students are recommended for the program in several ways.

"We went to a couple of faculty members that were doing technical writing and graphical design - two very key areas involved with production of this type of material - asked for them to recommend some people, and we also went and looked at some readily available student pages that are pretty professional," Hanson said.

According to Scheffler, Michael Yankowski and Dr. John Barber, NSU faculty members, will be advising students on the project, but no parameters will be placed on students.

"We want cutting edge (pages) with resources they (students) need... to make it the best page ever made," Scheffler said. "Set 'em off and let 'em go."

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Fleming Thomas, a member of the University Traffic and Safety Committee, looks over a traffic appeal

photo by Steve Evans

SGA considers changes in parking policy

Stacey Michaels
Staff reporter

Members of the University Traffic and Safety Committee are considering a proposition to change the parking at Northwestern.

If this proposition passes, faculty and staff parking lots will remain the same but all other lots will be open to students.

According to Carlton Downey, SGA president, this plan has been successfully executed at other universities similar to Northwestern's size.

Downey believes that if the open parking policy passes, it will benefit the students because less tickets will be issued.

"You may not get the parking spot you want, but in the same respect, you won't get a ticket," Downey said.

Melinda Loyacano, SGA senator, thinks that open parking is a good idea, but she is skeptical.

"I don't think it [open parking] will last," Loyacano said.

Carl Henry, Director of Student Activities and Organizations, likes the idea of open parking because it will be a first come, first serve policy. "I think it [open parking] is a good idea because students will get less tickets.

If the proposal passes, the University Traffic and Safety will then consider doing away with the appeals process.

According to Downey the reasoning behind this is that students will either be parked legally or illegally, so appeals won't be necessary. Downey also pointed out that Northwestern is the only school with a ticket appeals process.

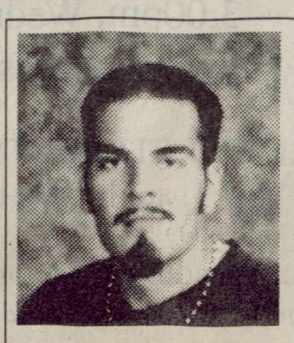
According to Harold Boutte, chairman of the University Traffic and Safety Committee, the committee will meet the first Thursday in December, and all students are welcome to attend.

At the December meeting a decision concerning the open park-

Student facing felony charges after allegedly stealing $10,000 in goods from Wal-Mart

A Northwestern student and Wal-Mart employee was charged with felony theft and possession of an illegal firearm last week.

Travis Boyle, 22, allegedly took over $10,000 in merchandise, over a one-year period.



Boyle

Mangers at Wal-Mart, while investigating an unrelated personnel matter, found that Boyle had allegedly taken computers, compacts discs, compact disc players, a VCR, VCR movies, car stereo items and computer programs.

Boyle was picked up Thursday morning around 8 a.m. and questioned about the thefts. He was charged later that day.

Most of the merchandise was found at Boyle's College Manor apartment.

Boyle faces up to 10 years in jail and a possible $3,000 fine in convicted of felony theft.

Boyle was also charged with possession of an illegal firearm when police recovered a sawed-off shotgun at his home.

Boyle was placed in the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center but released on his own recognizance.

Boyle was unable to be reached for comment.

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Basket Day
At least six Native American Indian Tribes from Louisiana will be represented at the 25th annual Basket Day on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Williamson Museum located on campus. Basket day will be held from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and baskets will be both displayed and sold to the public. There is no charge for admission. Williamson Museum is located in Kyser Hall, next to Friedman Student Union. For more information call Gregory at (318) 357-4364.

Nursing Distance Learning
Advising for prospective students interested in Northwestern's Division of Nursing's Distance Learning program through its three rural hospital sites begins Dec. 2. The program provides on site classes for registered nurses who are completing their baccalaureate or master's degree in nursing. Assistant Professor of Nursing Carolyn Hartt will be advising at Bunkie General Hospital on Dec. 2. Contact Becky Laborde at (318) 346-6681 for more information on the Bunkie site advising. Hartt will advise at Winn Parish Medical Center in Winnfield on Dec. 3. For more information, contact Billie Stewart at (318) 628-2721, extension 3080. Advising in Ferriday at the Riverland Medical Center will be held on Dec. 11 and will be conducted by Graham and Associate Professor of Nursing Billie Bitowski. Call Katie Warner at (318) 757-6551, extension 361 for more information.

Investiture
NSU will hold Investiture activities for President Dr. Randall J. Webb, Nov. 19-20. The Investiture activities are a combined effort of the University faculty, staff, students and supporters. The two days of activities begin Tuesday, Nov. 19 with a reception honoring the University's faculty at 6:30 p.m. in the Orville Hanchey Art Gallery. At 7:30 p.m. Opera Northwestern will present a performance of the Christmas musical "Amahl and the Night Visitors" in Magale Recital Hall. On Wednesday, Nov. 20 an ecumenical service of worship will be held at the First Baptist Church of Natchitoches beginning at 7 a.m. A reception for the NSU faculty hosted by the Faculty Senate will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. in the Living Room of the Family and Consumer Science Building. The Investiture convocation will begin at 10:15 a.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. The convocation speaker will be Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas, president of the University of Southern Mississippi. At noon Web will have lunch with Northwestern's student body in Iberville Dining Hall. The ceremonies will conclude with an open house at the President's Home from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. The ecumenical service of worship, Investiture convocation and Open House are open to the public.

Early Registration
NSU will hold early registration for the spring 1997 semester through Friday, Nov. 22. Students who do not register during this period must wait until Jan. 13, 1997 to sign up for spring semester classes. In order to complete the registration process, students must meet with their academic advisor for advisement and selection of classes.

Debate team finishes with several wins for sophomores

The NSU debate team recently completed another semester of competition that Director of Debate, Todd Graham considered a "successful" one.

The team started the semester with a competition at the University of South Carolina. The team of sophomore mathematics major, B.J. Hoffpauir, and Josh Martin, sophomore Scholars' college, were invited to compete in the season's first competition, The University of South Carolina Round Robin.

This tournament only invited the top 16 teams in the country to compete. Hoffpauir and Martin debated well enough to advance to the semifinal debate, where they lost to the defending national champions from Michigan State.

This gave NSU the third place award at a tournament. The next tournament of the season was at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore. This tournament hosted 50 debate teams from all over the United States. Hoffpauir and Martin advanced into the final round where they debated a team from Gonzaga University.

The Gonzaga team was in the semifinal round of the National Tournament last year and were the favorite to win the Lewis and Clark tournament, but the NSU team of Hoffpauir and Martin beat them in the final debate to win the tournament.

This was a "great win" for NSU, Graham said. This tournament along with the high finish at the South Carolina Round Robin set up Hoffpauir and Martin as one of the top few teams in the country.

The last two tournaments of the semester were held at San Diego State University and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Hoffpauir and Martin lost in the quarterfinal debates of both tournaments. At San Diego State University, Hoffpauir received the 2nd speaker award and Martin won the 3rd speaker trophy. At the University of Central Oklahoma, Hoffpauir was 10th speaker out of more than 150.

"The team has had a great first semester," Graham said. "B.J. and Josh never finished lower than fifth at any tournament and won a very prestigious tournament.

"They are debating just great and considering that they are sophomores, the year they are having is phenomenal. I would say that they are one of the best five debate teams in the country."

Sabine residents show appreciation for janitorial staff with cards, posters, reception

Over 90 cards and 18 posters decorated the front lobby of Sabine Hall last week as residents and RAs said "thank you" to their custodial staff during the first ever Red River Custodial Worker Appreciation Week.

The residents of Sabine also invited their custodial staff to a reception, held in their honor, Friday afternoon.

All of this was part of a staff development program started by Sabine House Director Lisa Simms. The program is designed to be an incentive for staff to do their best, Simms said.

"They're already doing a wonderful job," Simms said. "Sabine is the largest dorm on the campus and every time they (the workers) step in the door, they are facing a tremendous job. But all of us like to be appreciated sometimes."

Sabine Hall has 744 residents, and that means things are going to get dirty.

"If you sit in on House Directors' meetings, you will hear how things need cleaning, but if people are living there, it is going to need cleaning," Simms said. "Sometimes we need to look at all the positive things we are doing."

Doing general building maintenance and keeping buildings clean don't usually result in many "thank you"s, Custodial services manager, James Jefferson, said.

"This doesn't happen often at all," Jefferson said. "This is a first, because normally, all we hear is the negative comments."

The workers recognized last week were Regina Pye, Lessie Latchie, Maria Hart, Cressie Wright, Gussie Moody and dorm supervisor, Darrell Dolton.

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Hanson received a list of recommendations last Monday and is now reviewing those recommendations which include students Heath Fitts and Jonathon Wallace. Wallace was approached at the beginning of this semester.

Fitts was unable to be reached.

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Features

Sauce reviewers attempt to find out who is the king of the Front Street coffee shops

Tatum Lyles
News editor

Suppose one day you and a friend decide to venture downtown for a cultural experience in one of Natchitoches' new coffee houses- you have two main choices, Cafe Isabella or Caffe Cafe.

Now if you value good service, decent pricing and a great atmosphere, forget two out of those three when entering Cafe Isabella.



Caffe Cafe as well as Cafe Isabelle offer outdoor seating
photo by Steve Evans

The walls are lovely and decorated with interesting paintings, but prepare to spend some time admiring them or playing board games.

It is important that you realize before you set out for this wonderful atmosphere exactly what you are paying for.

In reality, the food could not be worth the price they charge for it. You are being charged to play Trivial Pursuit and look at magazines. Welcome to your local library.

The service is horrible. Grant yourself plenty of time if you are planning an outing that includes Cafe Isabella, and don't expect to have your drink in time to go with your overpriced meal.

For around $4 or $5 you can purchase a plate with a dab of coleslaw, and three tiny pieces of stale french bread.

The french bread, commonly referred to as a bruschetta or an Italian sandwich, is topped with one slice of cheese, onions, a piece of roast beef, if that is the type you choose, and a tomato. Enjoy, because it is all you are getting.

On the subject of cappuccino, bring your own microwave, because you will need it by the time you are served.

Also, be sure and bring a few dollars for a soft drink, because when you finish the $1 midget one they give you, you may still be thirsty.

But they probably have decided that the drink, even though you will most likely get it after you are finished eating, should match the size of the meal.

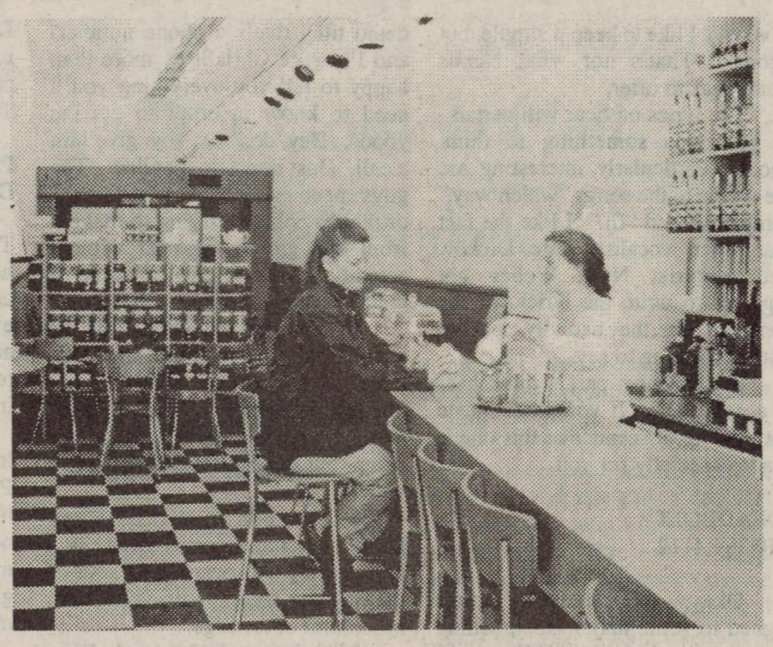
Knowing both the hunger and the budget of most college students, it would be advisable for one to avoid Cafe Isabella.

This brings us to Caffe Cafe. There have been many reports of good service and good prices.

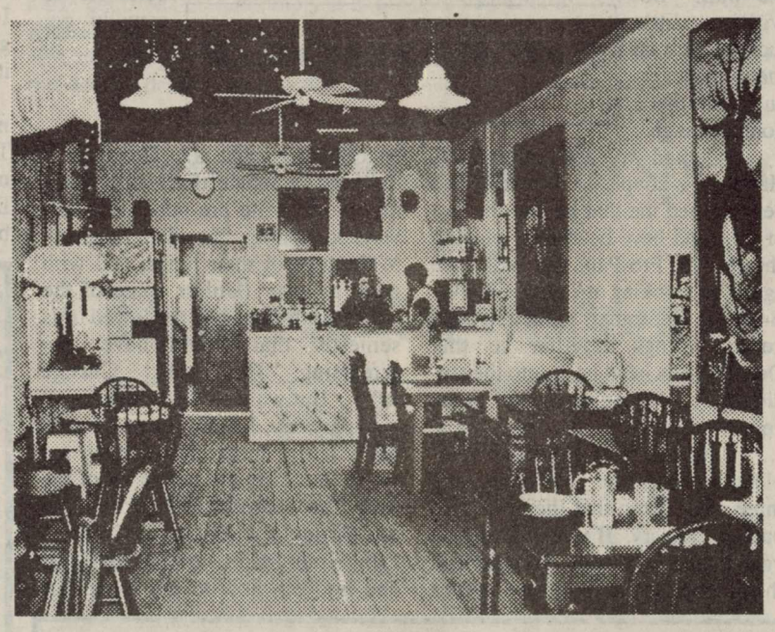
The atmosphere, on the other hand is in the eye of the beholder.

The shape of the building is interesting, but the owners did not put much expense into decorating the walls like the aforementioned Cafe Isabella. But then again Caffe Cafe has the appearance of a cafe, go figure. There are no games to play, you just sit back and drink your cup of hot coffee.

So now that you have been informed, decide which is most important to you, friendly service and good coffee or long waits for meals that should be called "appetizers."



A customer enjoys a cup of coffee in Caffe Cafe
photo by Eric Dutile



Paintings by local artists adorn the walls in Cafe Isabelle
photo by Eric Dutile

Andrew Martin
Editor-in-chief

Anything new in Natchitoches that doesn't somehow involve pickup trucks or Budweiser served in cans tends to scare a large portion of the populace.

Fortunately, a couple of local entrepreneurs have tackled this lack of culture and have opened up a couple of coffee shops down on Front Street.

Cafe Isabelle is one of these two shops, but it definitely is the lesser of the two in my eyes.

During both of my two visits I suffered through really bad service and really dirty floors (not something I look for in a place that is serving me food or drinks).

The coffee was good but nothing spectacular. There were trivia and logic games on the tables, which was entertaining and a good idea, especially in a place that is stereotypically reserved for intellectuals.

I admit that I didn't try the food, so I can't comment on that but after the opposing review, I can't say that I am sorry.

The decor was really interesting and David Alford' s paintings definitely bring some local color (literally and figureatively) to the place.

All in all, it Cafe Isabelle was an alright place, but I can never get past bad service.

This fact brings us to Caffe Cafe. In my opinion, Caffe Cafe has the appearance of the stereotypical coffee house. It has a more sterile, yet more modern and clean look.

There is good music , and it wisely covers several different genres. In my trips there I have heard everything including the classic oldies (not the crap your parents listen to), modern alternative and blues (a definite plus in my book). So unless your tastes fall into the already tasteless areas of country and rap, you'll be happy with the musical selections.



Two passerbys check out Cafe Isabelle on Front St.
photo by Steve Evans

There are usually three coffees of the day (which often includes a decaf) along with a wide variety of iced drinks, coffees and food; all of which is reasonably priced and very good.

The main thing that appeals to me about Caffe Cafe is that the people behind the counter act like they want your business. You get what you want quickly and if they don't have it brewed they're quick to offer to brew some for you.

There is no substitute for good service and the owners and staff of Caffe Cafe obviously know that.

At Caffe Cafe the coffee is tasty, the service is prompt and polite and gets my vote as far as who is the king of the Front Street coffee shops.

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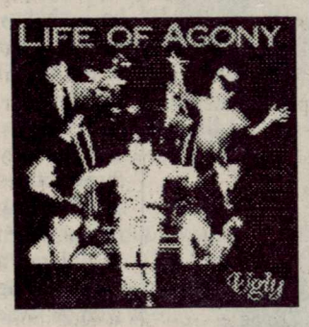
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lesa thompson
Staff reporter

LIFE OF AGONY
Ugly
RoadRunner Records

Life of Agony released Ugly in 1995, but until a few weeks ago, the band were still out on the road promoting it with the likes of Type O Negative. Unfortunately, Life of Agony were already finished with their portion of the Type O tour by



the time the show got to New Orleans, so I didn't get the opportunity to see them live. Oh, well— I guess I'm just destined to spend the time between now and their next tour anxiously awaiting Life of Agony's arrival. (Sometimes don't you just want to run up and kick Fate in the sweets?)

Now, ordinarily I wouldn't go back a year to do a review, but in this particular case, I think Ugly is so good, it's worth a glance to the past to cover it. Ugly's one of those discs that if you don't have it in your music collection, your collection ain't quite complete. It's just that good.

Two things immediately stand out with Life of Agony (besides the name and how we can all relate). Those two things are the lyrics and the vocals.

First of all, let's do the vocals. Keith Caputo's voice is one of the best in the business. It's as smooth as glass, but packed with power. One minute, he's pulling it out from somewhere so deep inside, it's amazing that he can even reach it in the first place. Then, the next thing you know, he's headed straight for the sky. And all the while, he doesn't miss a beat. Caputo has a control on his voice that'll stun you. He glides in and out and of the notes like nobody's business. If you're looking for music that's hard, but you want it fronted by a vocalist who can actually sing, then look no further than Caputo.

When it comes to Ugly's lyrics, Life of Agony's guitarist Joey Z says that they're all personal and "about seclusion, feeling out of place in society, and not knowing what you're doing with your life." (Tell me you haven't lived at that address since puberty.)

Singer Caputo said, "For me, there's no reason to write a song unless it's about something very personal to me."

It takes a lot of guts to spill your soul into a song that anybody in the world can have access to. That's got to be the spiritual equivalent of running naked through a shopping mall on Christmas Eve. Personally, I don't know if I could do it. But Life of Agony have done it, and done it well. Ugly is the band's second release, and I can't wait to hear the third.

NEXUS JUNKET
hear
Open Eye Records

The music on hear is up-beat, energetic and catchy. There's a lot of funky bass stuff going on that'll get you doing that side-to-side action with your head when nobody's looking. But overall, hear's got a very bluesy, jazzy feeling to it.

Nexus Junket's hear is the kind of album that's full of the music that musicians listen to. There are layers and layers of sounds on hear that are just waiting for the right artist to



come along and pick them apart. If you're not a musician yourself, you might still be able to appreciate Nexus Junket. But if, by chance, you are a serious musician who listens to music with the sole purpose of tearing it to bits, methodically, note by note, then there's enough stuff on hear to keep you busy for a long time to come.

I'm not altogether crazy about the vocals on hear. It's kind of a shame, because the music is so good. But I find the vocals a little bit too busy for my personal tastes. I think the album would have been better with a single vocalist going at it with everything he had, and I don't find that on hear. However, in Nexus Junket's defense, it could just be that my ears are too used to listening to music from Metaldom, and this is just a little too much for me to handle — a sensory overload kind of thing, if you will. When it comes to vocals, I like to keep it simple, but strong. That's not what Nexus Junket has to offer.

The lyrics on hear will certainly give you something to think about. Particularly interesting are the words to the songs "which way," "empathy" and "fij." I like the fact that when vocalist Marc Dickow and guitarist Nash Weber got together to write the lyrics for the songs on hear, they actually came up with something to say.

For the most part, I think hear is a good disc. If you write music for a living, it seems like this one is made especially for you.

DEADBOLT
610.384.4112

Okay, so Deadbolt aren't signed to some major label, selling out arenas world wide with over 60 katrillion gold albums hanging on the wall. But with a little luck to back up their perseverance, all that's gonna change.

DEADBOLT

I talked to drummer Chris Hamilton a couple of days ago, and he informed me that he and the rest of the band have been busy playing shows with Pro-Pain and will once again be hooking up with CROWBAR in December. They're also getting things together so that Deadbolt can head back into the studio to record some more stuff in the very near future.

Until the new project is complete, however, the guys have out a three song demo that they recorded back in January. If you'd like to get your hands on a copy, you can call the number above (no, that's not the demo title, that's a phone number) and I'm sure Chris'll be more than happy to tell you everything you'll need to know in order to get the goods. Hey, don't be shy, give him a call. (Just don't do it collect. The guys spend every hard-earned penny of their moola just trying to make it from one gig to the next without actually having to give up some of the finer things in life — like food.)

In my interview with Chris, he stated that CROWBAR and Pro-Pain are two of the bands' major musical influences. Um, I don't really hear the CROWBAR on the demo, but the Pro-Pain is definitely there.

I wouldn't really call Deadbolt's music cross over. It's pretty straight-forward with a bit of the in-your-face-and-up-your- um, nose, kind of an edge.

I like it because it's hard. Even Beavis and Butthead would like this demo (if we actually got MTV in Natchitoches, that is). Deadbolt is the kind of music that would have my two favorite pre-pubescent perverts screaming, "Louder! Louder!" to the tops of their lungs, and with good reason. (Unlike some of the other stuff that I've reviewed this semester that would have 'em screaming, "This Sucks! Change It!" — But we won't go there.)

Anyway, I know most of ya'll don't really think demo tapes are worth checking out, and a lot of the time, that's probably true. But in this particular case, I think it's worth using your Sprint card to call Chris and find out how to get a copy of Deadbolt's demo tape. (Go ahead, run up a few minutes on the old phone card. After all, you got a free T-shirt, didn't you?)

PAINGATE
Do the Wrong Thing



These guys have worked hard to be where they are. Paingate finance everything themselves and they're no stranger to hard work. Musically, it pays off.

I like music that's loud and obnoxious, and Paingate can definitely hold their own in the obnoxious tunes category. They mix their riffs with just enough groove to get you going. And this, my friends, is a good thing.

But unfortunately, that's about all the good I can say for Do the Wrong Thing. Lord knows, I tried. I really wanted to give this disc a good review. But I just couldn't do it.

The vocals are nasally and the more I listen to Do the Wrong Thing, the more they work on my nerves and grind into my skull. I like the music, but I just can't get beyond the vocals long enough to listen to it for any length of time. Paingate put out some good music, but "dem vocals gotta go."

The vocals aren't the only thing that I don't like about Do the Wrong Thing. For some reason, the guys saw fit to put what I think is a sample from a porno flick before one of their songs. Now, if you know me personally, then you know that I'm not the least bit offended by that sort of thing. My sense of humor leads me to believe that most tasteless things are actually funny. But in this particular case, that just didn't happen. As soon as I heard the sample, my immediate reaction to it was a very dry, "this is stupid." It's not offensive; it's not even funny. It's just dumb.

It's a shame to see all of that hard work go to waste. At this time, Paingate doesn't have a record deal. Truthfully, it's not that hard to see why.

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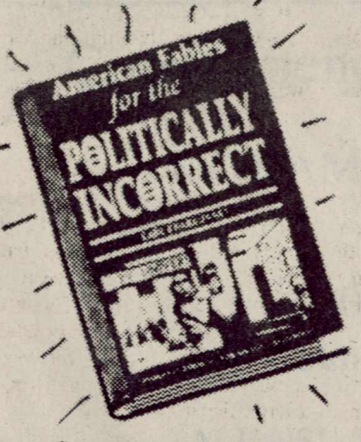
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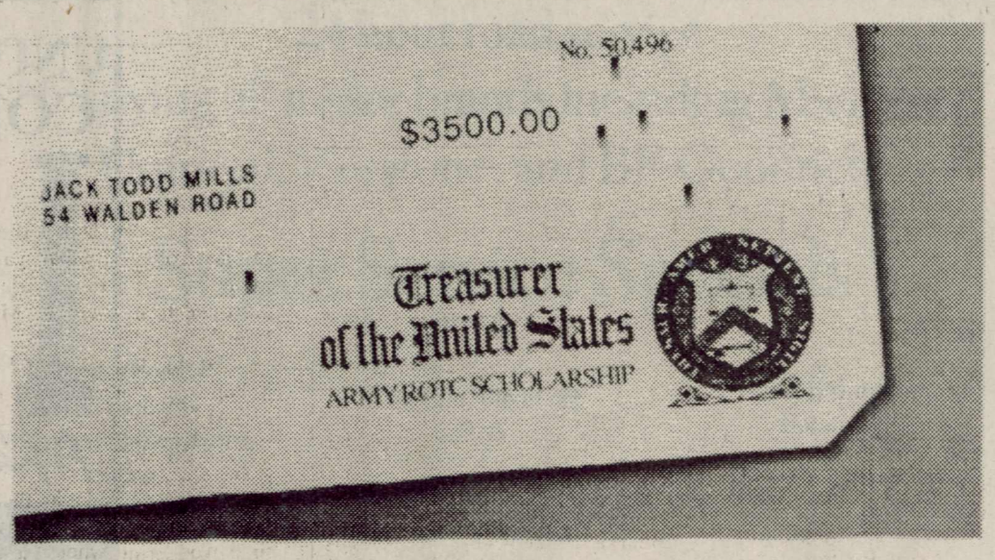
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CURRENT SAUCE

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Our View

Making "real world" decisions isn't easy

Just another week in the world of journalism.

This week we actually had to make a decision that "real" editors have to make everyday. Should we report an important story - a true, accurate and balanced story - even though it puts someone we know in potentially bad light?

The answer, we think, is yes.

As the "gatekeepers" of what you as NSU students read each week, we felt it was our responsibility to report the news, no matter what. Even if the story puts Northwestern in an uneasy position for a while and makes the administration jump every time the phone rings - we think it is your "right to know."

We figured this out through a little thing journalism students call

> "Should we report an important story - a true, accurate and balanced story - even though it puts someone we know in potentially bad light?"

the Potter's Box. (Those ethics classes some of us are subjected to really are useful sometimes.) That means we look at all the people who would be affected, where our personal values lie and what the "big guys" like Aristotle, Confucius and Plato would do.

In a perfect world, the decisions we make wouldn't be influenced by who the people involved were or who they are associated with. Granted this doesn't always happen, but in this case, we think it worked.

In case you haven't figured out what we are talking about, look at the front page and check out the story on the student who allegedly stole $10,000 in merchandise from Wal-Mart. Most of us know this guy and have had classes with him.

Even though we know this fellow student, we still thought that it was our job to run the story. What we are saying is that if this was just another citizen, or just another student of Northwestern we would run the story. This is why we decided that this story is newsworthy.

Some members of the journalism program here may disagree, but that's what gives our major its diversity. It is odd that two of the most different emphasis areas are related under the same major. What we are saying is news editorial and public relations are as opposite in objectives as night and day. If we were practicing public relations we would try to make this situation look as good as possible, but as editors we have to call the facts as the public sees them.

This is not the first time that we have faced this problem, and if we had to guess, won't be the last time. But, as long as it is our job to report the news to the student body, we will fulfill that role without question, as we feel we have done in this case.

We are not here to make friends nor to make enemies, we are here to print newsworthy stories. This story has all the elements of a good story it has timeliness, because the incident alleged incident happen last week. Another major element that lead us to release this story was its proximity.

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Columnist getting mad as hell over indecisive people

The Gospel of Jeff

Jeff Burkett

Pardon me while I get off on a rant here...but, is it just me, or do indecisive people just plain suck? You know what , or even who, I'm talking about. It's those people who can never seem to make up their pathetic little minds. The decision making process in these peoples brains is nonexistent, there is nothing up there but five pounds of fecal matter.

Decision making is an everyday process. We, as human beings, make decisions on a minutely if not secondly basis. But for some members of the opposable thumb race, the words "decide" or "conclusion" do not exist. Believe me when I say that I understand that people need to be able to think things through before they render their final say. I can also understand that for some of the mentally challenged, a decision may only come after a day or two of contemplation. But when days, weeks, and even months go by...its time to call for a CAT scan to see if there is any viable brain function in these useless dorks.

Think about the last time you made a decision. What was so difficult about it?

Absolutely nothing! Questions that need to have a decision rendered are jumping into our heads all of the time, like: Do I tell my parents? Should I keep lying to this individual? Should I be a brainless idiot?

When it comes to a decision, it is usually a yes or no answer that you base on your moral beliefs and/or upbringing. The lamest thing that you can say (and I want to strangle people when they say this) is "I don't know".

The standard answer "I don't know" is usually the sign of someone who is truly clueless, or someone who just does not have the guts to admit to what they really want.

So if you are a standard "I don't know" answerer, then please go somewhere and die! You do not need to plague this earth with your "not knowing" abilities.

The terrible thing is that morons are around us all of the time being non-decisive.

Why does the car in front of me have it's right turn signal on when it is going to go straight?

Decision Problem!

Why is the person in the drive-thru taking ten minutes to order? Decision Problem! Why, Why, Why...and if you say "I don't know" I will kill you like the dog you are!

Basically what I'm trying to project to the reading masses is...make up your damn mind. Make a decision.

Quit making my life, and other lives around you a complete and utter hell. Be a grown up. Quit running to mommy and daddy for every little freaking thing. AAArrrrrggggg.

Tell you what. If anyone out there needs help making a decision, drop me a line and I'll help you out. Or if you want my wisdom and clear headed decision making abilities, you can do to yourself at home what I will do to you.

Go to a hardware store, buy a tack hammer, and whack yourself repeatedly between the eyes until you are able to render a decision.

University continues to spend money in unnecessary areas

Hard-Earned Wisdom

Philip Wise

For a time now I have been watching this University grow bigger and bigger each semester. Growth is one of the primary elements of survival.

During my collegiate career I have witnessed many new-comings to this campus. Some have been worthy, others have not.

One venture the University took upon its self was the addition of the University Columns. Other than prices being outrageously high, they're not a bad deal for students who need a place live. They're an even better deal for the University - I guess the high prices make the Columns a great investment, there is no way NSU can lose.

Another change I have observed is in enrollment. The number of students has increased significantly since I began my studies.

This is also very beneficial to the University, more students means more money. It seems like a simple mathematical equation with no drawbacks - Wrong. When enrollment increases too much, the University will have to increase their facility to accommodate the large numbers. This will create a deficit that the University doesn't want.

Parking has also become a problem. There is limited parking, no matter if you are a commuter or a resident. This is a very hectic situation every morning.

There are half a million thoughts bouncing around in your head, the last of which is to wander all over campus trying to find a place to park. I know the University says, "There is plenty of parking at the stadium" - but who in the hell wants to park half a mile from class.

One of the most aggravating changes that has affected everyone on campus at one time or another is parking tickets.

It seems like only yesterday when parking tickets were just $5, but oh-no, the University spotted an opportunity to increase revenue. Now the damn things are $25. They seem to be writing more and more every day, trying to teach us a lesson, or is to make money?

I believe the worst project the University started is the beautification of the campus. They have replaced our grassy lawns with horrible looking flower beds with nothing in them but woodchips. Just between you and me, what is so attractive about concrete flower boxes filled with black, rotting woodchips? The only thing the flower boxes are good for now is very large and expensive ash-trays.

We are now forced to use the sidewalks instead of cutting across the large "chip- pits" in fear of losing shoes. It was my understanding that the shortest distance between to points is a straight line, not the curvature of a sidewalk.

They have made an effort to make the boxes look more presentable by planting shrubs. although, when it comes to state work progress is slow, as it normally is.

The "Mall" is another marvel that has stemmed from the "beautification kick" the University is on. The bricks looked nice when they were first laid out, but now they remind me of Death Valley.

After a rain all the sand that was used to seat the bricks rises to the top to form scattered silt and muddy spots. When the water evaporate, there is a big pile of sand left only to be blown around with the wind.

What I am trying to say is—the University should have used the money they spent on all these flower boxes and bricks and simply fixed the parking lot that was already there. There would be more parking, less tickets and everyone would be a little happier. I'm just a realist, why waste money, to do a half-ass job.

End of a long era for a self-proclaimed "band geek"

Guest Columnist

Sarah Crooks

I am an ex "band geek."

Saturday night I performed at my last college football game as a member of the "Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band."

For the last 10 years I devoted a huge part of my life to after-school rehearsals, practice, wool band uniforms, concerts, competitions and comments from classmates who considered themselves too "cool" for band. I also spent time wondering what else was out there.

I guess I am about to find out.

I began my career as a "bg" in seventh grade, when I admit, I probably fit the mold. I was convinced that I would be the next famous trumpet player, rivaling the careers of Doc Severson and Dizzy Gillespie. There was just one problem. I hated to practice.

Blame it on my parents, who found some "convenient" excuse to leave the room whenever I took my trumpet out of its case, or blame it on my friends who didn't think playing the trumpet was very feminine.

Don't get me wrong, I wasn't terrible. I was good- for someone who never practiced. My parents tried. They would say "Just think how much better you would be if you practiced."

I didn't care. I liked spending time with the high school kids, it didn't matter that I couldn't reach "super C."

I was part of a group. I knew where I fit in and that was either in the band room, or on the marching field.

During high school, band was better. My classmates had grown up a little, and they didn't harass us much. I had decided that band was fun, sometimes I even practiced. But the best part of it all were the trips we took.

Some of my best friends were in the band, so it was like we were on a road trip all our own. Granted, we had to give up all our Friday nights and some Saturdays during marching season and those reliable school buses always managed to break down, but that's where the best memories come from.

When I began my senior year of high school, I started looking at colleges and most importantly college bands and the scholarships they offered. I was very impressed with the marching band here, but I wasn't sure if I wanted to be in band with 250 strangers.

After several months, I decided a couple hundred dollars each semester wouldn't hurt, so I became a member of the "Best Sounding Band in the Land." And I am glad I did.

If it weren't for band, I would have spent most of my freshman year in my cramped dorm room, driving my roommate crazy. Instead, I met lots of new people, made new friends, helped recruit other band members from my high school, earned a little money, gained a new respect for band directors and band-director-wanna-bes.

Of course, I also spent close to 500 hours marching, practicing, or performing during my college band career. Some of those hours were spent on an asphalt parking lot when the temperatures were 90+ and there were weekends I wished I was anywhere else than in Turpin Stadium, but it all evens out.

What will I do now?

Chances are, I won't play my trumpet as often - if at all. I will never become a famous trumpet player. I won't ever have to go to another football game. I won't ever have to memorize music or positions for a half-time show. I'll never have to put on another band uniform. And I will miss it all.

So, I was a "bg." I don't regret a minute of it.

Advice From a Higher Power

Dear Current Sauce,

I have been involved with my girlfriend for a year and there have been some good times and some bad.

She tends to ignore me more now than ever. I know that she is not involved with anybody. I just hate being ignored by her. Anyway, I met someone at work that is older and she likes me a lot. I kind of like her too, but I don't know what to do. Please Help!

Bored and Ignored

Dear Bored and Ignored,

In this type of situation you must find the solution to your own problem. The one thing I can do for you is to give you a few things to think about. First of all, you need to remember that a year is a long time to be involved with someone.

Don't forget that after being in a relationship for that long of a time people become comfortable with each other and loose the initiative to work toward the relationship.

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Just remember to talk to your girlfriend before you do anything. Out of respect for her and the relationship the two of you have had she deserves to know the truth and the full story.

So, good luck!

ROTC juniors preparing for summer advanced camp

Eighteen NSU juniors conducted a squad assault as part of their field training exercise earlier this month.

The squad assault was part of training to prepare cadets of the Reserve Officer Training Corp for Advanced camp 1997. Two squads of nine cadets each, conducted combat tactics through the woods of Fort Polk

Squad tactical reaction course is a form of evaluating cadet's leadership skills, to include technical/tactical skills, organization, flexibility and actions under pressure.

The field training exercise "helped me make quick decisions when confronted with surprise attacks and learn what to expect in a tactical field environment" Cadet Staff Sgt. DeDe Johnson said.

Cadet Staff Sgt. and psychology major, Jill Whitehead, has learned leadership skills that include flexibility, teamwork, and problem-solving.

"I have learned to not sweat the small stuff," Whitehead said. "As a leader of the squad I must be able to make a plan, give an operations order, and lead my squad to accomplish the mission."

Johnson has been involved in the ROTC program here since she began college because of her experience in Junior ROTC during high school. Whitehead took her first ROTC freshman class last semester as a sophomore.

ROTC scholarships pay school tuition and fees, as well as provide $450 each year for books and a $150 month stipend.

Two and three year ROTC scholarships are available. NSU supports the ROTC program by offering scholarship cadets $1,040 to be used toward room and board.

To find out more about the Army ROTC and potential scholarships, call Cpt. Doyle or Lt. Memoli at 357-5156 or 1-800-217-6045.



CDT. Ssgt. DeDe Johnson performs a search on an "enemy" prisoner of war suring a training exercise.



Cadets Sean Higgins and Jonathan Burnham firing an M-60 machine gun against an assaulting squad.

University looking for student, faculty volunteers to help with Planning Council Action Teams

The University Planning Council is currently looking for volunteers to serve on teams that will provide ideas and measures to help improve the University.

Volunteers will serve on Action Teams and will work towards establishing steps for reaching goals in specific areas set by the SACS accreditation team from last spring.

There are four main areas that the Planning Council and their respective Action Teams will be addressing.

The first area that will be focused on is providing a student-oriented enviorment This will involve research in areas such as understanding students and their needs; student related physical facilities such as dorms, cafeterias, etc.; student support services such as career counseling, placement services, and other unique areas such as baby-sitting.

The promotion of excellence in teaching will also be addressed. This area of self-study will involve areas such as rewards and sanctions for teachers and University policy regarding hirings, firings and other areas such as faculty development.

The Planning Council also plans to try to find ways to develop and strengthen communication channels within the University community and the general public. This area of study will address the lines of communication between students and faculty and interdepartmental communication.

The last area that the Planning Council will be studying will be to find ways to develop innovative, non-traditional methods of instruction. The Planning Council and its related Action Team will look at ways to improve the output of the University's teaching and attempt to put more emphasis on non-traditional and technology based instruction.

Volunteers can be students, both traditional and non-traditional. Everyone among the service and support staff, faculty and administration is welcome and encouraged to participate, according to Dr. Scott Roach, chair of the planning council.

Action Team volunteers will be replied upon for significant input and involvement, Roach said, and a flexible work schedule would be helpful.

Anyone interested in serving on an Action Team is asked to volunteer to Vi Williams in the President's Office. She can be reached at 357-4412, by campus mail or at WILLIAMSV by e-mail.

The deadline to volunteer is noon, Friday Dec. 6. Teams will be formed to begin work in January 1997.

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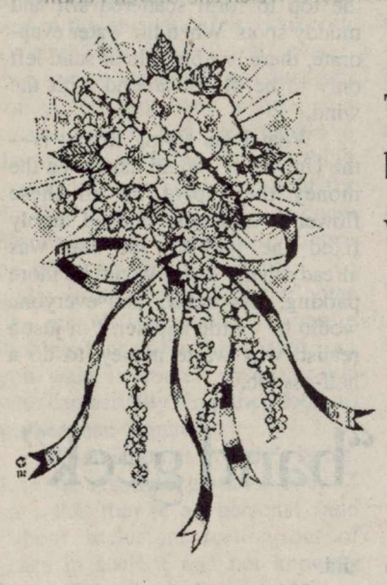
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Sports

Demons suffer devastating conference loss to McNeese; play-off hopes over

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

Northwestern could not find out a way to beat McNeese State for the fifth straight year.

McNeese State's Derrick Beavers ran for 111 yards, including a 36-yard touchdown with 6:16 remaining that clinched a 20-3 Southland Football League victory Saturday night over Northwestern State. Visiting McNeese won its first league game and improved to 3-7 overall and 1-4 in the conference. Northwestern, ranked 25th in Division I-AA, lost its second straight and dropped to 5-5 overall and 2-3 in the SFL.

The losing Demons played most of the game with third-string quarterback Mark Gibson, who started in place of Warren Patterson. Patterson suffered a deep groin pull in last week's loss to Troy State and backup Brandon Emanuel sustained a badly sprained ankle late in that game, sidelining him for the rest of the season.

McNeese held Northwestern, which came into the game averaging 432 yards, to just 263 yards. Northwestern, averaging 260 yards rushing, managed only 117 on 40 tries.

"We were hurting at quarterback and it showed," said Demon coach Sam Goodwin. "We hoped Warren would be able to do more than he did, but he did as much as he could with his injury. Mark is very limited throwing the ball, especially into the wind, and that really hurt us in the first and fourth quarters."

Beavers' touchdown came with 6:16 left to play, capping a 71-yard drive after Northwestern failed on a fourth-and-5 at the McNeese 29 with 9:31 to go. Beavers gained his 111 yards on 22 carries.

McNeese opened the scoring with 3:42 left in the first quarter on a 1-yard run by Earnest McGowan. Northwestern, with a 25 mph wind at its back, moved to the McNeese 12 but Eric Collins missed a 29-yard field goal.

Collins hit a 23-yarder 13 seconds before halftime to draw the Demons within 7-3.

McNeese opened the third quarter with an impressive 11-play, 80-yard drive into the wind capped by a 1-yard sneak by quarterback Tim Leger, lifting the Cowboys up 13-3 despite a missed conversion kick.

Northwestern never made it inside the McNeese 29 again. The Demons were held without a touchdown for the first time in 31 games, dating back to a 20-0 loss to Southern in the 1994 season opener. Ironically, Northwestern relied on a reserve quarterback in that game as well, with Emanuel playing in place of injured starter Brad Laird.

McNeese did not commit a turnover for the first time this season. For the second straight game, Northwestern did not force any turnovers.

"I'm really embarrassed by this performance," said Goodwin. "I want to congratulate Bobby and his team because they didn't make the mistakes they've been making. They're much better than their record indicates and we knew that coming in."

The Demons conclude their season this Saturday in the "Battle for Chief Caddo," against Stephen F. Austin. This will be the last game for 16 Demon seniors and we hope they will be able to go out with a victory.



Running back Brian Jacquet dodges a Cowboy in Saturday's game against McNeese. Jacquet is a junior from Port Arthur, Texas. photo by Eric Dutile

Volleyball team loses final match of season to Southwest Texas

Matthew Baum
Contributing writer

The Lady Demon Volleyball Team ended the season at home against Texas San Antonio, Friday night and against Southwest Texas, Saturday afternoon.

The Demons made a charge in the third game against Texas San-Antonio, but San Antonio prevailed 15-3, 15-8 and 15-12.

The Lady Demons did not go out without a fight against Southwest Texas. They lost the first game of the afternoon 15-4, but then came back and won the second game 15-11. Southwest won the next two games 15-3 and 15-6 to win the match.

Amidst the loss the Demons out-blocked Southwest 10-6. They also had more digs as a team with 58 compared to Southwest's 55.

Northwestern senior Maggie Ehlers ended her college career with a bang, nine of them to be exact. Ehlers had nine kills against Southwest and lead the team with a .391 hitting percentage.

Seniors Delphia Livings and Amy Warren made some fireworks of their own on the way out the door. Livings had eight kills and made a measurable contribution on defense with 12 digs. Warren had 11 kills and lead the team with three block] solos.

"We will miss our seniors," Demon Volleyball Coach Mary DeJute said. "It will be hard to find talent to replace theirs."

Power-hitter Tiffany Cronin "dropped the bomb" on Southwest offensively with 14 successful kills and lead the Demons defensively with 15 digs.

"I haven't worked with any of these players prior to this year and I'm pleased with how we played," Coach DeJute said. "We only had two weeks before the season to put a team together and you can not put a whole team unit together that's going to be extremely competitive in that short period of time."

The Demons finished the season 6-27 overall.

The Demon Volleyball Team will spend the rest of the semester recovering and allowing their battle scars to heal.

"The players need some time off to physically recoup," Coach DeJute said. "The season is very long for them especially because they compete so often."

Coach DeJute and assistant coach Alexis Dankulic are looking forward to the nontraditional season. The non-traditional season will include 12 weeks of practice and four tournaments this coming spring.

"I am extremely excited about the spring," coach DeJute said. "We are already talking about what we're going to do to improve certain players and I think the players are excited because they know that the spring will give them the time they need to improve."

The volleyball team will be relatively young next year with returning senior Tiffany Cronin, juniors Lori Dyer, Kendra Peters, Andrea Zegac and sophomores Lynar Deluca, Kim Hand, Gretchen Hecht, and Heather Krolczyk.

Rodeo team ranked in the top five going into the second half of season

Angela Hennigan
Staff reporter

Northwestern's Intercollegiate Rodeo Team has hung up their ropes and spurs, but only for a little while. The team wrapped up the first half of the season this past weekend in Nacadoches, TX and will begin the second half in February sitting in the Top 5 in the team standings.

According to Chad Hagan, the President of the NSU Rodeo Team, eight of the 13 members on the team finished in the Top 10 in the Southern Region in their events. Hagan will enter the second half of the rodeo season in second place in the steer wrestling. The other members who are in the Top 10 are: Scott Welch and Lane Holland, Steer Wrestling; Steven Perkins, Team Roping; Todd Covington, Calf Roping; Seth Jones, Bareback Riding; Josh Johnson, Bull Riding; and Jody Butler, Breakaway Roping. Other members of the team are Brandon Rayburn, Matt Gillen, Cory Domangue, Candice Blair, and Kim Dowden.

Three team members have also been chosen to hold leadership positions for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA). Hagan is the Student Director for the entire region.

"My job is to be at every rodeo in case any of the student athletes have a problem, they can come to me so that I can help them solve it," Hagan said.

Two other leaders from NSU are Scott Welch and Steven Perkins. Both Welch and Perkins were chosen as regional event directors by the NIRA over the calf roping and team roping events, respectively.

The student event directors work with the rodeo officials to ensure all the athletes of fair competition. "When a competitor has a problem with a ruling, they come to us," Welch said. " We then go to the judges and the Student Director to take care of the situation."

NSU's team will compete at six rodeo's next semester with hopes of making it to the NIRA finals in Rapid City, South Dakota next June.

Women's Cross Country team places 11th in the District VI meet

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

Ladies cross country team came in 11th place Friday at the NCAA District VI meet at the Eagle Point Golf Course on the campus of North Texas State in Denton , TX.

Out of 15 schools running in Friday's district meet the Lady Demon's came in 11th which held them back from reaching their goal of making the top ten.

"I am proud of our girls," women's cross country coach, Bridgett Cobb, said. "Thirty-six schools had the opportunity to go to district and out of those 36, 15 were chosen. I am glad we were a part of that."

Cobb said she felt this was a good opportunity for the team because they were able to run against bigger schools. This helped the girls see where they are in their training and where they need to be for next year.

"A positive is that four of our seven girls are freshman," Cobb added, "which means they can build up and do better in coming years."

In a 3.1 mile run, freshman, Christal Traylor, finished first for NSU in 19:12. Following Traylor for NSU in second was freshman, Jody Gowdy. Gowdy finished as NSU's top runner at the SLC meet which lead the cross-country team into district. Coming in third for NSU was Molly Magill.

"The meet went extremely well," Traylor said. "We have improved from past years and I was very happy with this season."

"I am proud of these girls. They came in off of an emotional high by winning 2nd in conference and as long as they were ready to run Friday, that is all that I could ask," Cobb remarked.

Although the cross-country season ended on Saturday the girls will have two weeks off then begin training indoors.

"Indoor track is the same as outdoor track except the track is only 200 meters around," Traylor said. "This is what all cross-country runners run. We begin that after Thanksgiving and I think we'll all be ready. This has been a great season for all of us and I am very proud of our team."

"This was a great way to end the season and I hope the team is as proud of themselves as I am of them," Cobb concluded.

Athlete of the Week; 3-letter senior offensive lineman Jody Ferguson

Philip Wise
Staff reporter

From the ashes of defeat rises a remarkable player worthy of being named Athlete of the Week.

Jody Ferguson has proved himself time and time again to be one of the most consistent offensive lineman the Demons have had in the last three seasons. Ferguson is a 6-1 307 lbs. three time starter for Norhtwestern's football club.

Originally from Orange, Texas, Ferguson has shown that he is a valuable asset to the Demons. He can make the block, especially when it counts. With his never-say-die attitude he is a strong force to be reckon with.

"I have been pleased with his performance, not just in this last game, but all year," expressed Steve Mullins offensive line coordinator. Mullins also said, "Jody plays hard from the snap of the ball to the end of play."

In the Northwestern, McNeese State game Ferguson finished with 7 knock-down blocks and carried an 84% average to the end of the game. For those who don't know about the ranking system for performance, any scoring over 80% is admirable for an offensive linemen. In years past there has been one 90% rank that can be thought of by Sports Information's Doug Ireland.

> "Jody is the most consistent offensive lineman we have had in the last three years." Sam Goodwin

As you can see a 84% rank is not something to be taken lightly.

Head Coach Sam Goodwin said, "Jody is the most consistent offensive lineman we have had in the last three years." "He is a steady performer and a leader on the offensive line. He does a great job of pulling and leading on running plays," Goodwin added. Northwestern has been ranked in the nation in the top 10 total offense in the last three years and Jody Ferguson has be there to help make it happen. We were also ranked nationally for the top 10 teams for the most rushing.

When asked about the teams performance this season Ferguson had this to say, "We have a lot more potential than we have shown." On a personnel performance note he said, "I play the best I can whenever I go out there".

Ferguson was red-shirted in 1992. He started play in 1993 as a backup, playing in three varsity games and all three junior varsity games, earning him a letter.

Ferguson has had an outstanding past performance with the Demons. In 1994 he started all 11 games as right tackle. During the McNeese game of that season he finished with eight knockdown blocks and graded 80%. Last season Ferguson played six games at right tackle and three at left tackle.

Ferguson has had many great performances throughout his career with the Demons. Ferguson carries great Demon spirit and pride with him every time he steps on the football field.

Northwestern hosts rowing marathon

Angela Hennigan
Staff reporter

The Natchitoches Northwestern Marathon Rowing Championship was held last Saturday with one NSU team walking away with a first place medal.

The rowing event, which is an official 26 mile, 365 yard rowing race, has been held during the second weekend of November for the past seven years and has grown considerably each year. This year 80 boats were entered, ten more than last year, with over 325 competitors filling up Cane River Lake.

According to Allen Eubanks, President of NSU's rowing team, there were competitors from all over the world. "We had entries ranging from Germany to the local area," Eubanks said. "We had some Olympic class athletes here and that made the competition even better."

The overall team winner was the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with the fastest time of the weekend, two hours and 40 minutes. Northwestern's one entry was a woman's four boat who finished first.

Other schools who entered were Rice University, Oklahoma State, and the University of Michigan. Most entries came from the Southeast and Midwestern states. Cane River has become well known across the world as a premier spot to row on and that is apparent every spring when people travel thousands of miles to practice on it.

The event ended with a gumbo dinner. As each contestant turned in their bow number after the race, they received a bowl gumbo. This was a fine way to regain strength after a 26 mile row.

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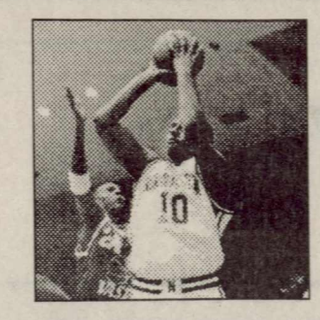
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The Demons destroy Monticello in a non-conference win, see page 6 for details

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Webb shares goals for University, students, faculty; receives "Charge to the President"

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Contributing writer

Dr. Randall J. Webb, who took over the office of the NSU President this summer, saw his dream become an official reality when he was invested Nov. 20.

The Investiture Ceremony was held at A. A. Fredericks Auditorium where the Board of Trustees for the University of Louisiana System officially invested all of the powers, duties and responsibilities of the office of President of Northwestern to Webb.

According to quest speaker Dr. Aubrey Lucas, president of the University of Southern Mississippi, these duties and responsibilities can be quite overwhelming at times.

"You probably heard about the president who died and went to hell and was there two weeks before he realized he was dead," Lucas joked.

Lucas continued his "Charge to the President" by asking all faculty, staff and students to help Webb become president of Northwestern, because effective presidents are not born, they are made.

The one trait that sets successful leaders apart from others, Lucas said, is persistence.

"Great presidents help create universities through persistent leadership, which relentlessly pursues a vision of an institution that can be better, regardless of how good it may now be," Lucas said.

The ceremony also included speakers from the University who congratulated Webb and extended their continued support.

SGA President Carlton Downey, greeted Webb on behalf of the student body, and issued a challenge to all students.

"I challenge you today as students to stand behind Dr. Webb, to stand behind this administration and know that they are working in our best interest at all times," Downey said.

"It is gratifying that the leadership of the institution has been placed in the hands of an educator whose roots at Northwestern are deep and enduring," Thomas Chester, Northwestern Alumni Association president, said.

Dawn Wilson, assistant to the President of University of Louisiana System, spoke on behalf of the president who was not in attendance.

"We are confident he [Webb] will lead this institution into the 21st century with unprecedented vision and direction," Wilson said.

Webb responded by outlining several goals he would like to see all employees and students attain.

These goals are to provide top quality instruction, advising and services to the students; to strengthen the quality of all areas of the university through continual assessment; to strengthen instruction, services and communication through the use of technology.

Webb also mentioned a commitment to encourage scholarship and creative endeavors on the part of the faculty; to move Northwestern toward a higher level of distinction through private fund-raising in support of academic scholarships; and to create a climate on the campus where personal relationships are prized and where people speak and listen carefully to each other.

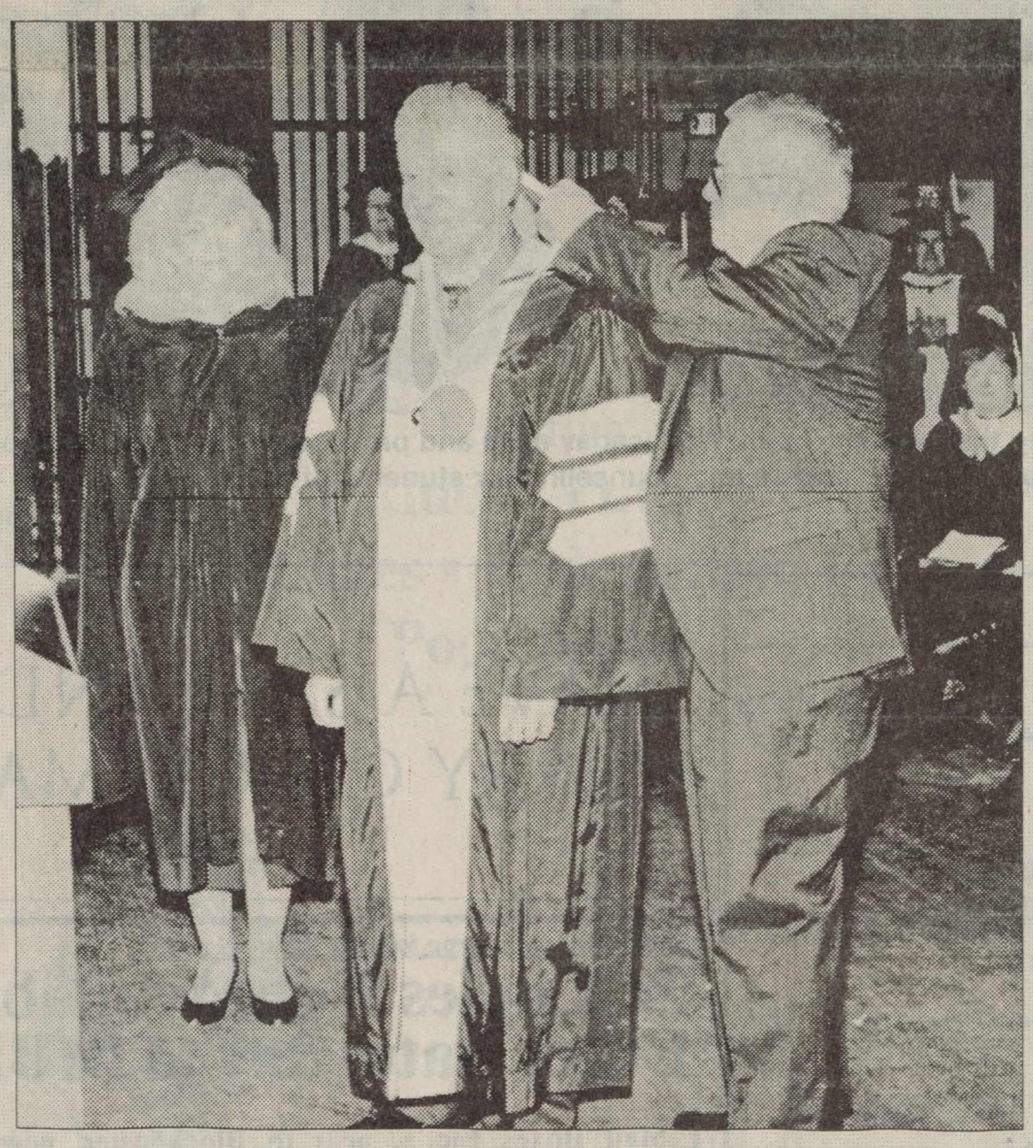
Webb said that if all employees and students will work cooperatively together, care about one another and focus on the needs of the students "Northwestern can become a model of institutional integrity and configure prominently on the national scene."

Webb also spoke of four principles he would like to instill in all NSU students as his parents instilled in his life. That is to love and trust God absolutely, to love others as yourself, to be forgiving and ask for forgiveness from those we have wronged and to cherish and revere Northwestern State University.

Most importantly, though, Webb said that he hoped all would remember one characteristic that he feels will enhance human relationships and strengthen organizational systems here at NSU and in life, seek first to understand and be understanding.

Webb concluded his address to the university by saying that he is the most fortunate man in the world, "fortunate because I have the opportunity to lead toward greatness, a university that I honor and love."

"Hail to the Chief"



Dr. Randall J. Webb, accepts a medal during his Investiture Nov. 20. The ceremonies included several speakers, including students, faculty, and the President of the University of Southern Mississippi.

Photo by Eric Dutile

Certification of Intent should ensure class openings for students, not make life more difficult

Nakia Bodley
Staff reporter

An enormous amount of students registering early for the spring semester are bewildered about a policy possibly obligating them to pay all fees associated with registration even if they do not attend school next semester.

This policy, the Certification of Intent, has been instated to ensure that students who pre-register plan on attending school in the spring semester or take the proper steps to resign before the first day of classes.

"What I'm trying to do is to clean up the schedule and cancel registration for the students who are not planning to return to NSU," Lillie Frazier Bell, acting registrar, said. "This way we will free the sections for high demanding classes."

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>
> -Lillie Frazier Bell

The intent form will be sent to students local addresses. The student should then sign and return it to the Registrar's Office by Dec. 13 at 4:30 p.m. By returning this form, your classes are promised to you and NSU is guaranteed that you will be returning next semester.

"We are requiring you to return it [the Certification of Intent] to us so we can hold your classes and you are assuring us that 'yes I do want these classes and please do not cancel my registration'" Bell said.

If a student does not return the intent form their classes will eventually be canceled. They will have to re-register during regular registration in January. Bell encourages all students to return the form as soon as possible. If you do not receive the document by Dec. 13 you should go to the registrar's office to complete the form.

Those students who do sign the intent form and later decide not to attend school next semester are obligated to pay registration fees unless they properly resign from the University.

"They [the student] must look at the schedule of classes," Bell stated. "We have three resignation policies in there and you have to cancel your registration before the first day of classes. If you wait until the first day of class [to resign] you will be charged 10 percent [of your total fees]."

Bell explained that if a student waits too long to resign, they will have to assume responsibility for the total amount of their registration fees.

The main reason this policy was adopted is because of the enormous amount of people failing to resign once the semester had begun.

"We would send out thousands of letters to students asking 'are you attending, are you not attending'," Bell commented. "We would get a lot of letters back from people not attending. There were a lot of classes we would have to go in and cancel registration for. The problem with this was that it was too late for the students who were attending school this semester to registrar for those classes."

Many students think this policy will benefit the University but feel it should have been explained more thoroughly.

"They [the University] need to explain the policy in more detail," Kim Linscomb, an education major said. "I thought you were automatically obligated to pay after you signed the intent form. I think it is a good thing because it is giving other people the opportunity to get into the classes they need."

Other students seem to share mixed feels on the issue. "I don't think it is good or bad," Brian M.L. Lomio, a junior said. "It is just another one of NSU's bright ideas."

State audit finds problems with scholarships

Irregularities in Northwestern's scholarship distribution and improper use of University property were both found during a recent audit, making teams of state auditors take a closer look at the Louisiana university system.

Since auditors found discrepancies in both NSU's and LSU's scholarship programs, Legislative Auditor Daniel G. Kyle is making plans to send teams of auditors into north and south Louisiana to conduct audits at all universities.

The NSU audit covered the fiscal period ending June 30, 1996, and found problems with the way the University handles its scholarships and grants.

Auditors also found the use of university property for political and personal activity by NSU Vice President of University Affairs John Winston, Kyle said.

Winston is a Natchitoches City Councilman and used his University office to send correspondence regarding his reelection and other council duties, Kyle stated in the audit.

"As a result, the vice president appears to have misused university assets for his own personal gain which may violate state laws and regulations," the audit states.

Winston told the Alexandria Daily Town Talk last week that his office would not be used for political purposes anymore.

According to Kyle, the most serious problem revealed by the audit was its handling of grants and scholarship money. Auditors found that the University "does not have adequate controls in place to ensure that scholarships are awarded to eligible students."

Thirty-six NSU students received $24,106 of Award Scholarships, but did not have an application or award letter on file to show that the money was properly authorized. Three other students received $9,000 of Louisiana Scholars' College Scholarships without an acceptance or award letter on file, and five students received $15,000 of LSCS when they didn't have the ACT or SAT test score to qualify for the scholarships.

Also, four students received $2,550 of Outstanding Student Award Scholarships who did not have the required application and award letter on file. Auditors could not find any documentation that the awards were authorized.

The ACT or SAT scores for 16 of the students who received $11,475 of OSAS were not documented or were below established standards, the audit stated. Nine students received $3,825 or OSAS in the spring 1996 semester although they didn't have the required 2.5 grade point average in the fall 1995 semester.

In a statement issued by the University, President Dr. Randall J. Webb said "When I assumed the presidency, I requested that legislative auditors conduct a thorough and comprehensive audit of the university...The findings at Northwestern were procedural in nature, and extensive attention is being directed toward refining and improving those procedures.

"I am confident that the operation of the University will be enhanced as a result of this comprehensive audit," Webb stated.

The problems revealed in the LSU audit lead to the resignation of LSU Chancellor William "Bud" Davis and his aide David "Sonny" DeVillier.

Editor's note: The information for this article was taken from articles in *The Alexandria Daily Town Talk* and *The Advocate*, and the NSU News Bureau.

News

Campus Briefs

Christmas Gala
The Mrs. H.D. Dear, Sr. and Alice E. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts at NSU will sponsor its annual Christmas Gala for the Natchitoches community Friday, at 7p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Admission is free. Two other performances for area school children will be held Friday at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Commencement Speaker
Melba L. Steeg will be the commencement speaker at Northwestern State University's Fall Commencement Exercises Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. in Prather Coliseum. A successful business executive and civic leader in New Orleans, Steeg is president of Investing and Developing, Inc., a commercial and residential real estate developing and financing corporation. Steeg, a native of Mansfield, earned a degree in education at Northwestern. She has become one of the University's most distinguished graduates and was named to the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, in 1994.

Art Exhibit
Northwestern State University student Ben Tilley will present an art exhibit, "Life and Beyond," Dec. 2-6 in the Colset Gallery of the Orville Hanchey Art Gallery. Tilley is a graduating senior who will earn a bachelor's degree in art in December.

Understanding Symbolic Woundedness
The Mercy Center for Healing the whole person is a non-profit 501-C(3) corporation established in Colorado Springs in 1988. They provide training and education for healing the whole person. They are committed to helping those who are financially distressed, and rely on public organizations to help us inform participants of our services. There will be a workshop on December 14th entitled "Understanding Symbolic Woundedness." It will be held at Holy Cross Church in Natchitoches, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is $20 pre-registered and $25 at the door. To register, call 352-3750.

Campus Connections

Phi Kappa Phi
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society initiates who did not attend the initiation ceremony Nov. 12 may pick up their pins and certificates in the office of Sara Burroughs, Kyser 314L. Members who will graduate in December 1997 or May 1998 are invited to apply for the $1,000 Phi Kappa Phi scholarship, to be awarded at the Honors Banquet in March, by leaving their names with Burroughs.

Fencing Club
There will be an informal meeting for a fencing club which is being established for the upcoming spring semester in conjunction with continuing education. The meeting will be held on the third floor of the Student Union at 6 p.m. Tuesday. A fencing coach from Alexandria will be instructing the classes. Any person enrolled in Northwestern or LSMSA may attend.

Two campus religious groups open their doors to students of every denomenation each week, provide activities and sometimes - food

Ginger McClelland
Contributing writer

The Baptist Student Union and the Catholic Student Organization are two of many religious organizations at NSU that serve the spiritual needs of Northwestern students.

The BSU was first started to help Baptist students grow in their relationship with Christ and to assist students in discerning God's plan for their lives. Today the purpose of the BSU remains the same, yet, students from all denominations attend.

The president of the BSU, Matt Endris, a senior psychology major, says, " all a person has to do to be involved is walk through the front doors of the building."

Once a person walks through the front doors there are many ways to become active. If interested in singing, try out for Inner Peace or Fresh Encounter. There is also the group Heaven Bound for those interested in any type of drama.

These three groups worship God at BSU worship services and they travel to surrounding churches.

A person can also be on the prayer chain, have a prayer partner, go to Women on Missions meetings, Student Ministers Fellowship meetings, and, in the spring, men will be able to attend devotional group meetings.

During the year, the BSU travels to different parts of the state for Spring Assembly, Fall Convention, Evangelism Conference, student missions conferences, mission trips, and in the summer, a national student conference is held at Glorietta, New Mexico. Also some students give up their summers to go on summer missions.

On Wednesday at 8:30 p.m a worship service is held where the main focus is worshipping Jesus, and it is also offered as a time for fellowship with Christians. For the remainder of the semester a special Christmas service will be held on Dec. 4, and a late night study breakfast on Dec. 11.

The CSO was first started as a time for Catholic students to get together and pray. This organization has blossomed into a campus church that provides Eucharist's, devotions, Bible studies, vespers, counseling and prayer services for students of all denominations.

The CSO is still growing. In October of 1995 the CSO and Holy Cross Catholic Church celebrated the completion of the $540,000 renovation of their building.

The building is used not only for regular church services, but also for all of the masses held to serve the needs of the CSO.

The most popular time for students to attend mass is on Sundays at 9:30. Also, there is a prayer service on Wednesdays at 7 p.m, which is followed by a home cooked meal. During the remainder of the semester there will be a Finals Prayer Vigil and a Christmas Party on Dec. 11.

To become involved at the CSO "all a person has to do is show up," said Father Roy, Priest at Holy Cross.

Every registered NSU Catholic student is a member of the CSO.

If a person would like to be an active member, there are several activities and groups to become involved with.

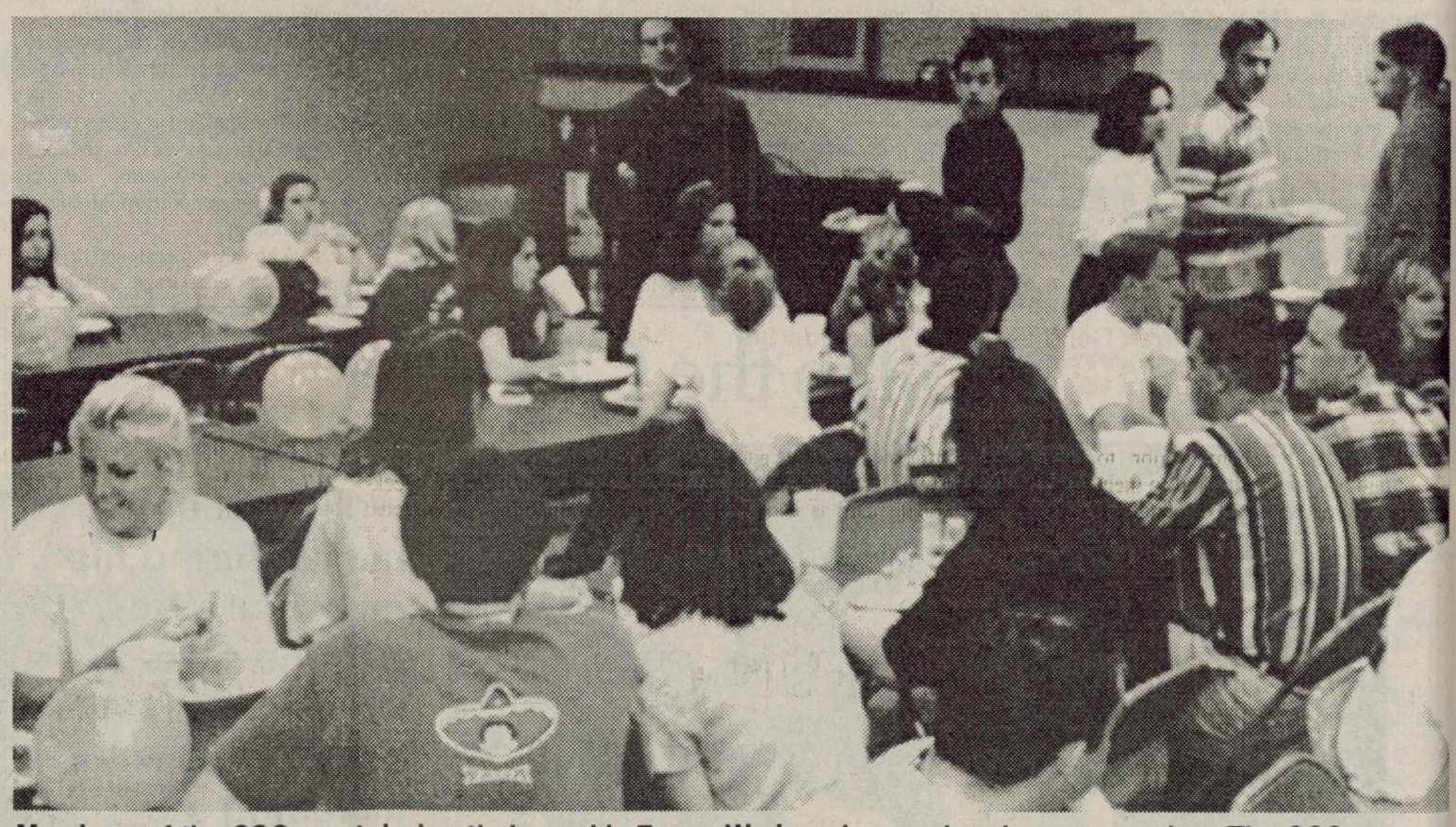
For example, if a person can sing or play a musical instrument he/she can sign up to find out how he/she can best serve the campus church.

Also, one can be on the retreat team. This team plans and prepares the semesters upcoming retreat that is offered to CSO students as a time to break away from stressful routines and grow spiritually. Other ways to become active is playing IM sports.

The CSO has won the presidential award several years in a row for their involvement in IM activities.

Still, another way is to attend all state wide conferences that are held twice a year by the Louisiana Catholic College Students Organization(LACCS).

Despite the fact that Northwestern's mascot is a demon, there are many students on campus that are very concerned about God's plan for their life. James 2:19 says,"...even the demons believe..." and NSU students have proven that to be true.



Members of the CSO meet during their weekly 7 p.m. Wednesday meal and prayer service. The CSO provides Eucharist's, devotions, Bible studies, vespers and counseling for students of all denomenations.

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Army ROTC providing alternative solutions to paying for college, gaining leadership and job experience

If you saw Larry Bergeron or Derek Bellows on campus, you would not notice any difference in them from other college students.

Larry Bergeron, a junior majoring in general studies, and Derek Bellows, a senior majoring in general studies, both manage full time status at college while supporting a family and participating in the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC).

Larry Bergeron carries an important role in the Demon ROTC Battalion. Cadet Bergeron serves as the Cadet Command Sergeant Major.

In this role, he works with the Cadet Battalion Commander, Derek Bellows, a senior ROTC student.

"I suggest training and implement the policies of the Battalion Commander,"states CDT/SGM Bergeron.

Bellows states that it is important to have a reliable person like Cadet Bergeron as Sergeant Major to maintain accountability and to meet the goals of the ROTC battalion.

Any contracted ROTC cadet without an ROTC scholarship can enter the National Guard as an SMP Bergeron is participating in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) with the Army National Guard at the 1st of the 156th Armor unit in Natchitoches.

Bergeron receives approximately $120 a month for his weekend drill participation. A contracted cadet. The Louisiana National Guard provides tuition exemption to its college participants as well as paying for $825 a semester of tuition.

Bergeron stated he joined ROTC "because of the opportunity to go on active duty after I graduate. ROTC provides me with excellent leadership so I can become a United States Army officer after graduation."

Bellows and Bergeron will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army.

Bellows will graduate May1997, and would like to enter active duty as a military police officer. Bergeron will attend Advanced Camp this summer and graduate December 1997. Bergeron desires to enter active duty as an armor officer.

If you would like to know more about the ROTC program, please call Capt. Doyle or Lt. Memoli at 357-5156 or 1-800-217-6045.



Derek Bellows, Cadet Battalion Sergeant Major of the Demon Battalion, drilling cadets on campus recently.



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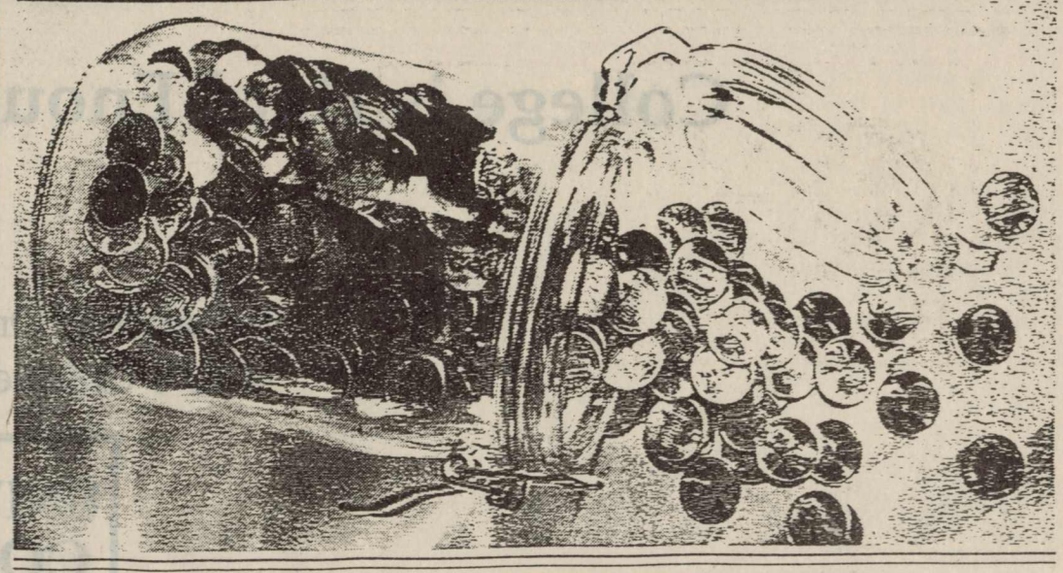
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"House of Blue Leaves" fulfills expectations and then some

Melanie Romero
Contributing writer

Northwestern's Theater production of John Guare's "House of Blue Leaves" fulfills expectations of laughter and tears by combining slapstick antics with a touching grace.

Directed by Dr. Jim Stacy, the production successfully transforms Theatre West into a 1965 New York apartment where a zany, yet incredibly realistic family of characters resides.

The first marvel of the play centers around the set.

Careful attention has been assigned to the construction. It includes working doors and windows, a refrigerator, a piano, and what resembled closely a full kitchen and hints of an apartment complex hallway outside the front door.

Knick knacks were strategically selected and placed about the set creating a scene that draws the audience in, allowing them to feel like a part of the scene.

The actors help this technique by employing soliloquies directed towards the audience. The most effective at utilizing this technique is Kayla LeMaire, who plays Bunny.

Incorporating a Brooklyn accent, and flaunting her amazing cooking talents, LeMaire creates an inviting character.

Her buoyant, no-nonsense and down-to-earth attitude tries to keep reality intact inside the apartment where chaos reigns. Her character demands a strong presence, and LeMaire fulfills this requirement with ease.

Although, at times she takes the eccentricities of her character a little too far, resulting in a feeling of slight annoyance, but these instances are few.

Aimee Lasseigne, playing Bananas, is flawless. Her looks of pain are so unbelievable they wrench tears from your heart. Her frantic attitude and position of utter despair is so tangible it is hard to keep the tears from actually flowing.

She becomes the tragic hero, the one who could not entice love and understanding from her husband.

Lasseigne's careful consideration to body movements, voice inflection, and emotional display wins her a sea of sympathizers that enables her to successfully act like a dog while retaining the audience's respect. Alone, she fulfills the tragic element needed for the show.

Linking these two characters together was Artie Shaughnessy, played by Michael Mayhall.

This desperate fellow in search of a better, fame-filled life would go to any measures to rid himself of his neurotic wife, Bananas.

Mayhall plays Artie with an intensity that makes you unable to decide whether he deserves sympathy or a slap in the face.

His character is strong, his accent good, but somehow Mayhall's character gets pushed aside. Instead of feeling the story revolves around him, Mayhall's character is overshadowed by Lasseigne and LeMaire's characters. Although, he creates an incredibly lifelike character, it doesn't really leave a lasting impression.

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Clayton Chauvin, playing Ronnie, Artie's AWOL son, must also be commended for creating a multi-faceted character.

His shining scene involves his description of preparing to play Huckleberry Finn. Chauvin takes the audience on a journey starting with laughter, traveling through slapstick comedy, and arriving at a tear jerking moment when his childhood dreams are crushed. A character within a character is created. Chauvin successfully displays the angry little boy still trapped inside the beaten man.

Honorable mention goes to Stephanie Hodgdon for her unending grace in a pitiful situation, and the three nuns, Allison Boudreaux, K.Renae Pullen, and Melony Eberling, for allowing the audience a chance to breathe easily through their humor in a time of crisis.

The production of "House of Blue Leaves," after provoking laughter and tears, ends with a feeling of hopelessness. The delicate moments between Artie and Bananas followed by her murder by him raises the audience's spirit in one instance and devastates it in the next, closing the show with a feeling of horror.

This powerful show has an even more powerful ending, burning a lasting impression of such realism that you may forget it was a play, and not reality.

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Some of you might have noticed that the Current Sauce was in short supply the week before Thanksgiving. Believe us, it wasn't intentional.

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We're angry, you should be, too.

What kind of statement does this make?

We work hard (you may or may not believe that) trying to keep you informed on current events. Someone took it upon themselves to take away the news, obviously because

"Two weeks of involvement by the administration and University Police and we still have no "hard" idea of where your newspapers are...."

one of the news stories made someone look bad (or, more to the point, like a felon.)

We have our suspicions about who might have been involved, but unfortunately for the collective "us," we will probably never see any action taken against the perpetrators. Two weeks of involvement by the administration and University Police and we still have no "hard" idea of where your newspapers are or who actually did it.

Sad thing is, the theft of the papers is a felony, and we still haven't seen a serious effort by the "powers-that-be" to find the "perps."

Thanks Northwestern. We can see how strong the school's commitment to its students and the media is.

Not very.

This act was childish, not to mention just out right stupid. Who in their right mind could possibly think they could withhold information from you, the student body. We are a want-to-know-society. When we feel that the truth is hidden, or in this case stolen, we are inspired to search for the pieces of the puzzle.

Let's just say that the "perp" had stolen all the papers except 10. Those 10 papers would have the pieces to the puzzle and in some form or fashion you with your inquisitive nature would have discovered the whole story.

We pride our selves in printing newsworthy stories in the paper. It violates all of our rights when someone tries to inhibit us from providing you with current news and important information.

So, whoever had the desire to stop the endless turning of the news wheels, the journalism hub of our University- I hope you're happy.

Just think of the risk you took for nothing. The public needs to know, they want to know, they will know. Actions like this just put more light on what you want to hide, smart move. I don't think so.

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Christmas Festival: good time or royal pain in the ass?

The Gospel of Jeff

Jeff Burkett

It's once again that time of year when the lights go up, the booze starts to flow, the fireworks light up the sky, the KA's get hassled, and the damn tourists jam the streets.

Yep, you guessed it, it's once again time for the 70th annual Natchitoches Christmas fest.

At one point in time, the X-mas fest was something that I used to look forward to. The "fest" not only signified that the end of the semester was near, but also that I would be getting out of this hell hole soon and headed back home for the holidays.

It was a time to party with friends, yell at the floats in the parade, and spend some time with that special new someone. But now, the celebration of the city of lights is nothing more than a big pain in the ass.

For first timers here in Natchitoches, you will begin to see what I am talking about this Friday afternoon.

Actually, it began this past weekend, but none of you were here to experience it. The traffic situation in town will turn to absolute chaos, as if it doesn't suck already.

The brainless tourists, who will be arriving from all over the freaking state, crowd the downtown business area and all of the fast food establishments around.

What that means is, you will not be able to go and eat anywhere without waiting for an hour or you will have to sit by them and listen to the freaks "talk tourist".

Natchitoches, this weekend, becomes the most gaudy place on the face of the earth. Think about it. How many times have you been driving around looking at X-mas displays in your neighborhood and you come across the house that has everything covered with those little twinkling lights. Everything from the trees, to the dog house, the TV antenna, and in Louisiana, the car that is jacked up in the front yard.

It's so bad it looks like Liberace decorated the house, it looks really disgusting! And that is what the entire city looks like.

What a way to celebrate a "religious holiday" claims the festival defendants. Wow, electric Jesus...warms a place in my heart!

Another thing that turns me off, is the idiots that come to the "fest" and bring their guns with them.

A couple of years ago, some "homey"(individual) that was down on front street got upset after being "dissed" (disrespected; dishonored).

Since the individual was distraught over his "dissing", he decided to remedy the situation by shooting blindly into a crowd of people with his "gat"(hand-gun; pistol).

This person should have been executed on the spot! In putting his idiotic plan into action, he endangered the lives of everyone that was around him. He and all others like him should not be allowed into this city.

Well after bitching about the wonderful celebration we are all about to have crammed down out throats, I thought it would be fitting to offer some solutions to the mass problems that plague this coveted Natchitoches tradition.

First off, only allow 2 members of every resident of the city to enter, and make them pay ($100.00 per person) This would keep the crowd size down and keep out all of the undesirables.

Second, make alcohol consumption mandatory. It would not be a true holiday celebration if everyone was sober.

Third, get rid of all of those stupid light decorations down on the river front. Have you seen the wonderful holiday NSU display or the Louisiana School one? That makes me think of Christmas!

In closing I do want to say enjoy the lights if you want. I'll be sitting at home, naked, with a big glass of eggnog.

And have a good holiday...of course you will, you will be out of Natchitoches "The City of Lights" (a.k.a. the city of perpetual boredom). And to certain members of the graduating class...GOOD RIDDANCE!

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Tatum Lyles & David Seard

Ahhh...time for finals, every college student's nightmare, or is it?

OK, it's hours of endless studying and nights filled with Vivrin and caffeine. While the majority of the students dread the beginning of finals.

We, as intelligent Northwestern attendants, love the idea. It is the saving grace of us all.

Just imagine adding up all of the hours you spent avoiding the books. What would be your total? Then add up all of the hours studying for the dreaded finals. Hmmm...

Weighing the commitment required by each of your choices, studying throughout the semester or cramming the week before and during finals, what would you choose?

Unfortunately, the vast majority of the student body has chosen to procrastinate studying until this very week.

It is incredible to think that students believe that cramming for final exams is an equal substitute for a semester's worth of learning. Tell me, what are we here for anyway? To my knowledge it is to gain insight to many topics and subjects so in turn we can all get jobs and become productive members of society. (yeah right, the unemployment line)

How productive are we going to be if we as a student body believe that a quick fix (cramming) is the solution to a four year endeavor.

So where did all of those Thursday nights go anyway, freshmen? When will you all learn responsibility and the true meaning of a college education? Yes, part of it is to gain social freedom and experience, but we as students have an obligation to challenge ourselves and to break through into a new era with intelligent minds.

With that said, Welcome to a new world, a world of the $15 thousand cover charge and 2 a.m. feedings.

We must take hold of the future of this country and not forget to suck the marrow out of life. (laugh here)

This is our quest, this is our destiny: to provide the world with the best Northwestern has to offer. (laugh again) We must learn all that our professors have to teach us and grasp the future with a firm hand.

With that in mind we challenge all Northwestern students and professors to demand "excellence as the minimum standard." Not only as a collective body, but as individual spirits striving to succeed in a world that pushes and holds people down.

Do not allow the world to keep you down because you are and always will be at heart a Northwestern Demon. (Ha)

But of course, if this challenge fails, as it often does, look to the sky and you will see the smoke billowing out of Yesterday's or the Body, and know that it is your home, a haven for your weary head.

Yet, if cramming for your classes is what must be done, then you shall find the mounds of information held on the subjects of psychology, sociology, mathematics, English, science and the arts, fashion design and of course the most challenging subject of them all, physics at the college of Yesterday's.

If tuition is too expensive there you may want to try the Body or Woody's University. So take hold Natchitoches and enjoy the ride.

Good luck with finals Demons.

Oh, by the way, write home and tell mom and dad where their hard earned (and the government's wastefully spent) money is going. They will at least appreciate your honesty.

Advice from a Higher Power

Dear Current Sauce,
My brother has come to school here and I am having problems keeping him out of my personal life. He watches over me constantly and will not allow me any private time with my new boyfriend. Last night he even had the nerve to walk in on us and pull my boyfriend off of me. I am desperately seeking your help. He is driving me crazy.
Sincerely, Violated

Dear Violated,
I urge you to tell your brother the truth and that you need your space. As for him understanding and honoring your request you may not have much luck, but you need to be honest. Otherwise you might need to separate yourself from him.

Sports

Demons win over Monticello 116-77 in basketball season opener; Lady Demons lose tough game to Southern 74-70



Ryan Bundy goes for the score against Monticello in the season opener. Bundy made four for four free throws. photo by Eric Dutile

Elizabeth Crump
Staff reporter

The Lady Demons lost to Southern in it's season opening last Tuesday night 74-70.

"We did have some trouble breaking the press against Southern," Lady Demons head coach, James Smith said. "The girls are an extremely talented bunch who are gaining experience every time they step on the court. Once they get a better feel for where they and their teammates are on the court it should not be a problem."

Although it was estimated that the Southern matchup would be a good measuring stick of how the Lady Demons would perform the rest of the year, Smith said he felt that this was a typical first game and with this young group of girls and their inexperience came out in the game.

Southern returned all five starters from last year's 11-15 squad including leading scorer Lekeysha Johnson who averaged 16.1 points per game for the Lady Jags. Northwestern, bothered by the high pressure defense of Southern in it's season opening loss last Tuesday night, has used the holiday down time to work on some techniques to help the young team handle the pressure defenses they may see this year.

With the Thanksgiving break, the lady demons had time to practice and improve for last nights game.

"As with any sport and any athlete, no one has breaks. The Lady Demons practiced all week and worked on their weak points," Smith added.

Louisiana College (3-2) improved their record last Saturday night with a 62-56 win over USL behind solid defensive pressure which forced USL into 27 turnovers.

"I know that the Lady Demons will improve and get better with each passing game," Smith concluded.

Although the Lady Demons didn't start out on the winning foot the Men's team did winning against Arkansas-Monticello 116-77 in a non-conference college basketball game.

"I know that the Lady Demons will improve and get better with each passing game." Coach James Smith

Northwestern, belonging to the NCAA Division I Southland Conference, evened its record at 1-1. Arkansas-Monticello, out of the NAIA Division I Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, slipped to 0-3.

Charles Duncan added 17 points, Dameon McQuarters 13 and Chris Larson and Ryan Bundy each scored 10 for the winning Demons, who shot 52 percent (45-87) from the field after getting just 34 percent Saturday night in a 78-61 loss at Mississippi State.

Curtis Simpson led the visiting Boll Weevils with 25 points and Chris Daniels added 20. Arkansas-Monticello shot just 32 percent, hitting 29 of 69 shots, including only 2 of 14 on 3-pointers.

The Demons played Centenary last night for the first time in three seasons to renew a rivalry that dated back to 1921.

The tip-off was at 7:05 p.m. at the Gold Dome on the Centenary campus. It was the first game of the week for Northwestern, which opened with a loss to Mississippi State, then two nights later beat Arkansas-Monticello in Prather Coliseum.

Northwestern Demon Basketball Coach, J.D. Barnes was happy to play Centenary for the first time in his tenure as the Demon coach.

"Getting together with Centenary is very positive for both programs and both universities," Barnes said. "You go into this game respecting the history of the rivalry, knowing that some of the most exciting and intense games Northwestern has ever played have been against Centenary."

Barnes added that both he and the team were happy to play in Shreveport where there were nursing school campus students and thousands of alumni to support the demons.

Centenary averaged 82 points per game while Northwestern's at 80.5 per game—a figure which climbs to a 90 point average including the Demons' two exhibition games.

The game was the first of two consecutive games with old rivals. Northwestern plays host to Louisiana Tech, a series which dates back to 1915, in Thursday game 7 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

That contest tips off a stretch of three straight home appearances by the Demons, who host Southwest Missouri State Dec. 10 and Samford

IFC all-star flag football held Nov. 16

Jeremy Ekberg
Staff reporter

The Interfraternity Council All-Star flag football game was played on Nov. 16. The event was held to encourage teamwork and brotherhood among the fraternity system as a whole, according to Hank Thomas, president of IFC.

"The game was originally two quarters but everyone was having so much fun we made it three." Thomas said.

The game went into overtime and was won by the purple team, made up of members of Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu, and Theta Chi. Members of Kappa Alpha, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and other Theta Chi's made up the opposing team.

held at the practice field by the fieldhouse, the event included a 40-yard dash, won by Korey Kieth of Kappa Sigma with Phillip Rasy of TKE in second. Gino Masteropierro won first place in the football throw and Chris Griffith, also of TKE won second.

A participation award of $100 went to Kappa Sigma for having the highest percentage of their members present.

A prize of $50 went to the first place winners of the 40-yard dash and football throw and each second place winner won $25. All prize money came from the IFC general account.

The all-star game was intended to be followed by an all Greek block party, but was cancelled by Carl Henry because of bad weather, according to Thomas.

So after the game the players enjoyed themselves at the tailgate party.

After several weeks of planning the event, vice president Joel Deutser and others invited sorority members to participate in the games but the sorority members declined.

"Panhellenic decided not to do it , the only sorority that had any real response to IFC was Alpha Omicron Pi." Thomas said. "The other ones kept us waiting and never gave us any response."

Despite this, IFC hopes to make the games an annual event, according to Thomas and Deutser.

They were pleased with the turnout. "People from different fraternities got to be on teams together and work together."

Baseball team recruits four new players for upcoming season

DeAdrian Alexander
Contributing writer

Although the season has not yet started, the Demon's baseball team is preparing for the upcoming season.

The addition of four new baseball players this fall brings the Demons total to five signees. The Demon staff has~recruited two high school recruits and two junior college transfers.

Brad Tyler, from Mansfield High School, is a three position player. He hit .529 with nine home runs and had 49 RBIs in his division last year. Tyler also earned All-State honors.

Matt Whitehead, from Athens High School (Texas), is a right handed pitcher who was 6-2 last year with 45 innings pitched, 14 hits, 71 strikeouts, 24 walks, and 1.40 ERA.

Matt Stovall, from Texarkana Junior College, was 3-4 last season after pitching 50 innings. He had 45 hits, 40 strikeouts, 24 walks, and had one save with a 3.08 ERA.

Stovall also participated in the Junior College All-Star game this past fall.

"These two pitchers will definitely strengthen our staff especially considering that they have another year to mature," said head coach Dave Van Horn.

"We really needed to add to our pitching staff to solidify ourselves for the future."

Ronnie Quintana, from Crowder Junior College (MO), will be another batter for the team. Last year, he hit .425 with 14 doubles, two triples, three home runs, and had 27 RBI.

The fifth player, Sam Smith, was signed earlier this month. Smith hit .490 with five home runs and 16 doubles in last summer's Connie Mack League play.

"We have always had a history of being able to hit the ball at Northwestern," said Van Horn.

Athlete of the Week; senior Stephen Barnes

Philip Wise
Staff reporter

Stephen Barnes's explosive performance during the Northwestern-Monticello basketball game earned him this week's Athlete of the Week honors.

Barnes, a 6-8 245 lb. center, had a dynamic 17 minutes of play for the Demons Monday, Nov. 25. Despite being in the game for such a short period, he scored a total of 21 points, had 6 rebounds and 3 steals.

Barnes scored on 8 of 11 from the field and hit an impressive 5 out of 6 free throws.

Northwestern won 116-77, keeping control of Monticello the entire time.

Barnes was taken out of the game early, not due to injury or poor performance, but to allow room for player rotation.

This was a non-conference game so it is probable that he was taken out to save him for the upcoming conference games, Doug Ireland, Director of Sports Information, said.

"He played well and shot well for us," J. D. Barnett, men's basketball coach, said.

"Stephen has a nice frame, what a basketball player should be and he is very aggressive at the glass," he added.

"Stephen's offensive production is crucial to the success of this year's team." Doug Ireland

Barnes, a 23-year-old senior, is Northwestern's top returning rebounder with a 5.1 rebound per game average.

Barnes was very dominant last season and was able to grab 20 rebounds in the last year's Dec. 30 game with Grambling. During last season he was also the most accurate shooter, scoring on 54.1% of his shots. Barnes' height and aggressive nature on the court have made a steady force for the Demon squad.

"Stephen's offensive production is crucial to the success of this year's team," Ireland said. "It is very is very encouraging to see him play so well this early in the season," he emphasized.

Barnes is originally from Birmingham, England, where he played for the Birmingham Bullets, an English franchise who play in the English Premier Division.

Barnes was honored and awarded quite frequently during his basketball career in England. In 1993 he was awarded "The Mike Evans Trophy" for his contribution to the Bullets both on and off the court.

He was a representative for England in international competition at four different age levels.

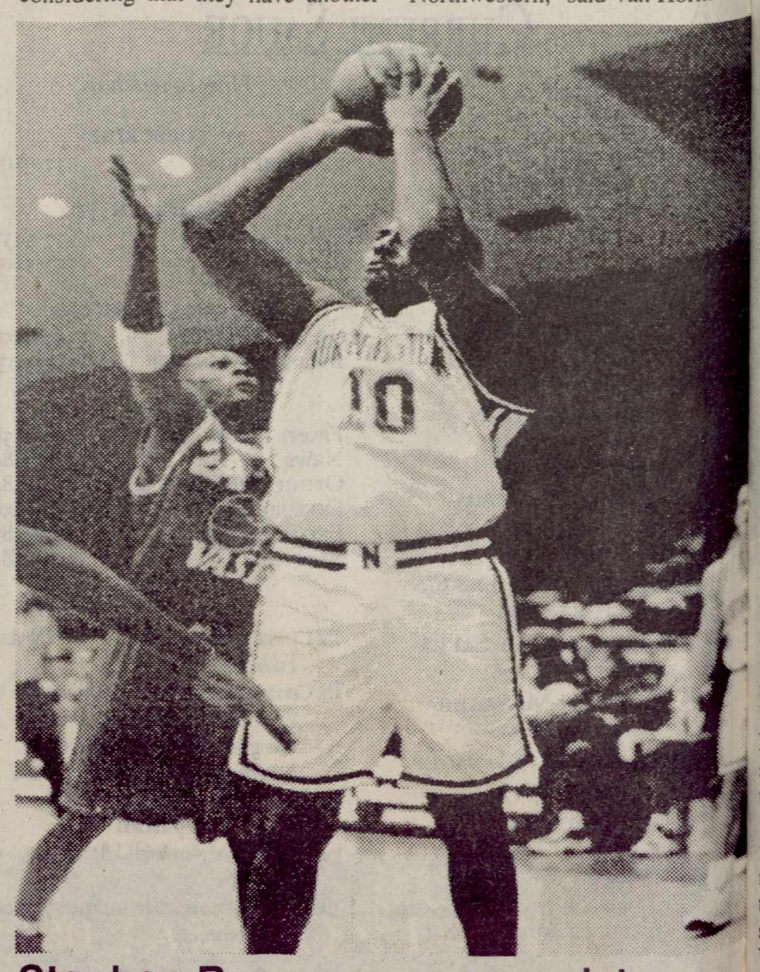
Barnes is not only a great on the basketball court as he excels in his academics, also.

He is a GTE Academic All-American candidate with a 3.5 grade point average. He was named to the NJCAA All-Academic Team after compiling a 3.7 cumulative GPA in two years.

Barnes was also awarded the CFCC President's Honor Roll for earning a 4.0 graded point average with 20 semester hours in the spring semester.

"Barnes is an outstanding student, along with being a great basketball player, he represents the team and Northwestern very well," Doug Ireland, director of sports information, said.

Stephen Barnes is very worthy to be our Athlete of the Week for his performance on the court and in the classroom.



Stephen Barnes secures a victory for the Demons. photo by Eric Dutile

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Find out what happened in Demon athletics while you were gone. See page 5 for details



Are "The Rules" of dating worth following? See page 2 for a review of the dating guide for the nineties

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Open parking policy may alleviate Northwestern's parking problems

Tatum Lyles
News editor

With the beginning of a new semester, Northwestern faculty and students may see the much desired reconstruction of the campus parking situation in the form of open parking.

According to Northwestern State University Police Chief Rickie Williams, the traffic committee, which is responsible for making all parking rules, is looking into the prospect of open parking. The traffic committee is a group of faculty members, University employees and students who devise the traffic regulations used for the campus.

Harold Boutte, chairman of the committee, refused to comment on the parking situation for fear that his opinion, if known, might affect the voting.

Open parking, if implemented, will involve an end to the commuter and resident zones.

It relies on the theory that those students living on campus would automatically be provided with spaces near the dorms at night, and that those commuters who go to the trouble of arriving early to the University would receive the better parking spaces. Students would get spaces in any of the parking areas, except for faculty lots, on first-come, first- serve basis.

According to Fleming Thomas, who also serves on the traffic committee, the idea is still "up in the air." He says that as with most of the decisions on campus, the final word will belong to Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

Webb will choose between the open parking plan and keeping the same parking regulations in effect throughout the remainder of the academic year.

Williams agrees with the suggestion of first-come, first-serve parking, but is a non-voting member of the traffic committee. He also commented on the vast amount of parking tickets given out every semester on campus and said he believed the number would drop tremendously if the new idea took affect.

The Traffic Appeals Committee is composed of faculty members and two or three students.

"We are the only university with an appeals committee," Williams said.

Appeals from students who feel their parking tickets were given unfairly have, in the past, been looked at and decided by this committee.

If the open parking modification goes into effect the committee will be disbanded and appeals will no longer be accepted.

"If someone really thinks that they don't deserve a ticket, they can talk to me and I will try to be fair," Williams said.

Students have conflicting views on the situation, with some residents believing it could provide them with a safer environment for night parking and some foreseeing problems getting to class.

"I am personally against the idea of open parking," said Stephanie Reed, a Varnado residential adviser. "Even though I am a resident, I can see the problems commuters would have with getting a parking space and making it to class on time. It seems that they would have to come to school 20 minutes early just to search for a space."

As far as residents of the University being able to find spaces at night, Williams has noticed the concern of safety. He commented on the shortness of parking spaces for Varnado and said that the Boozman lot will soon be expanded to ensure the students living in that area have parking spaces.

The main challenge for the committee involved with this proposition is to find a solution to the parking problem on campus. If open parking is the solution they have been searching for, there may be fewer problems and less tickets distributed.

Icy conditions delay spring fee payment schedule



Students wait in line last week during fee payment in Prather Coliseum. Icy conditions in the area prompted a "first come, first served" policy that ensured that both classes and the registration process would not be disrupted. photo by Eric Dutile

NSU student to be arraigned on felony theft charges Friday

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

A Northwestern student and Wal-Mart employee will be arraigned for theft of property exceeding $500 Friday, according to Natchitoches District Attorney, Van Kyzar.

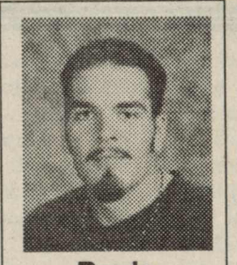
"This is the highest grade of felony theft," Kyzar said.

Travis Boyle will enter his plea of guilty, or not guilty during this court appearance, Kyzar said.

"The trial date will be set at this time (Jan. 24) assuming he enters a plea of not guilty," Kyzar said.

Boyle was arrested Nov. 14 and charged with felony theft when suspected of taking over $10,000 in Wal-Mart merchandise during a one-year period.

While investigating an unrelated personnel matter, Wal-Mart managers found that Boyle had allegedly taken computers, compact discs, compact disc players, a VCR, VCR movies, computer programs and car stereo items.



Boyle

Boyle was picked up by the Natchitoches Police around 8 a.m. Nov. 14 for questioning and was charged later that day.

Police found most of the merchandise at Boyle's apartment. Boyle was originally also charged with possession of an illegal firearm when police found a sawed-off shotgun in his apartment. According to the Natchitoches Police, this charge was later dropped.

If convicted, Boyle faces up to 10 years in jail, with or without hard labor, a fine no more than $3,000, or both.

Boyle was not registered for classes this spring.

Northwestern to add Internet courses in physics this semester

Tatum Lyles
News editor

Among the many improvements to Northwestern this semester will be the addition of a new and improved teaching method designed to give students both extra help in the programs and technological experience.

Classes taught via Internet.

Two of the programs involved in the instruction by Internet plan are physics and education.

According to Dr. Gary White, associate director of physics, an upper level physics course taught using the computer will begin this semester.

The class will be taught in connection with Northeast Louisiana University and will include eight Northwestern students plus those students who will attend by using the Internet at Northeast.

The class allows students to view each other and their teacher on monitors. The teacher will appear on the screen of the computers by standing in front of a video camera. Video cameras are also placed so that students can be viewed by each other.

NSU has one of the largest groups of physics students in the state and has needed a wider choice of upper level classes.

"The idea for the grant was to get one or two extra physics electives per year," White said.

Many of the normal class techniques will still apply to things such as testing and homework. The students will be tested on paper but in the future may use e-mail. Homework will also eventually be turned in by e-mail.

"In order to increase the number and diversity of our upper-level courses in a cost-efficient way, we are proposing an inter-institutional collaboration (initially with Northeast Louisiana University)—a different type of 'distance learning' that utilizes the vast and inexpensive resources of the Internet," White stated in the proposal for the grant to fund the program.

With a large number of physics majors in the department, there must be upper level physics courses available so students can choose courses that are relevant to their careers.

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> -Dr. Robert Gillan

According to White, physics is one degree where students spend a lot of time with the professor and will not lose the teacher-student relationship due to frequent use of the computers as a teaching aid.

An actual teacher will instruct the course, but the students at both universities will be combined to lessen the work load on the faculty and to increase the amount of group work experience available.

The education department is also tampering with the idea of Internet courses.

"It is convenient for students to work at their own pace," Dr. Robert Gillan, associate professor of education said. "We've found that they can be more productive than in a regular classroom setting."

Gillan went on to discuss the benefits of student relations by saying that they become better acquainted by working with each other through the Internet.

One faculty member who teaches classes over the Internet, Assistant Professor of Education Dr. Frank Fuller, commented on the chance typing responses gives students to think.

"One of the things I like about teaching over the Internet is that the students have the time to deliberate," Gillan said.

The Internet classes are available to students who choose these particular classes and may be available to others in the future.

Northwestern loses three academic programs in decision made by State Board of Regents

Three academic programs at Northwestern have been eliminated by the State Board of Regents.

Out of 15 considered for termination, the doctoral program in educational technology, masters in business administration and associate degree in educational technology were selected.

The original 15 were considered for elimination based on studies by a group of out-of-state consultants hired by the Regents who examined more than 500 undergraduate and graduate degree programs at all public institutions of higher education in Louisiana.

"We are very pleased with the overall outcome of the process," NSU President Randall J. Webb said. "Northwestern has strong academic programs that are serving our students and the entire state of Louisiana very well, and we are glad that was recognized."

Webb pointed out that after the actions taken by the Board of Regents, NSU would have just 49 degree programs, which is one of the lowest numbers offered by a university in the state and that "proportionally more programs have been eliminated at Northwestern than at any other public four-year university in Louisiana.

Northwestern agreed with the consultants' decision to eliminate the MBA program which was targeted toward business executives in the Alexandria area. The program was beneficial but put a strain on resources in the Division of Business.

"There were not significant resources to operate a high-quality master's program," Dr. Barry Smiley , director of the Division of Business said. "Eliminating the program will allow us to concentrate on our undergraduate program."

The team of consultants praised the quality of NSU's doctoral program in educational technology, but the Regents elected to follow the recommendation to cut that program.

"We are optimistic that Northwestern will be able to play a role in offering more advanced degrees in education in the near future," Webb said.

Current students in programs will be allowed to earn their degrees.

"It was evident that the Regents wanted to be supportive of programs throughout the state," Webb said. "We appreciate their hard work and diligence and hope that the review process can be beneficial for the state in the long run."

Features

Campus Briefs

"Who's Who Among Students..."
Fifty-eight NSU students were chosen for the 1997 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The studetns were chosen by campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory, based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join a group of students chosen from more than 1,900 higher education institutions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries. The directory has been published since 1934.

Donald F. Derby Endowed Professorship
Dr. Dennette McDermott, assistant professor of flute, was the recipient of the Magale Endowed Professorship in 1995. That year she traveled to the Czech Republic to conduct research. Her uncle, Donald F. Derby, accompanied her on an initial trip which led to a donation of $60,000 to establish an endowed professorship at NSU. The Donald F. Derby Professorship will benefit faculty in the areas of music and art. The state will match the donation with an additional $40,000.

"Who's Who of American Women"
Abbie Landry, head of reference in Watson Library, has been selected for inclusion in the 1997-98 edition of "Who's Who of American Women." Those chosen must have held a position of responsibility or have attained significant achievement in their field. Landry has been a reference librarian at NSU since 1981 and has been head of reference since 1987. She has served as chair of the academic section of the Louisiana Library Association, a member of the editorial board of Reference Books Bulletan and tournament director for the Louisiana State Quiz Bowl Championship. Landry has also been a recipient of the Sigma Xi award. "Who's Who of American Women" is a guide to 28,000 of today's most influential women.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
NSU has received reaffirmation of its accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The reaffirmation comes to NSU after two and a half years of work by Northwestern's faculty and staff who critically examined every aspect of the University's operations identifying strengths and weaknesses. Northwestern's self-study was directed by Dr. Virginia Crossno, NSU's director of university planning and assessment. NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb chaired the Self-Study Steering Committee while he was Northwestern's dean of instruction and graduate studies. NSU had been an accredited institution since 1923.

Shreveport commuters
Anyone looking for a ride to and frrom Shreveport/Bossier, any day, Monday through Friday call Don Harper at 318-741-1594.

Old-fashioned rules of dating make a comeback in new book

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

Okay ladies, if your list of New Year's resolutions included finding the man of your dreams, try "The Rules: Time tested secrets for capturing the heart of Mr. Right."

This best-seller, written by Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider, is a combination of all the rules our grandmothers followed and passed on to us.

This 174 page book is filled with 35 rules that if followed explicitly, the authors almost guarantee will lead to a steady relationship, engagement and marriage.

Fein and Schneider have taken "playing hard to get" to the next level. Their book contains rules about the deadline for accepting a Saturday night date (Rule #7), the number of minutes you can spend on the phone with him (Rule # 6), and even how many hours your first date should last (Rule # 9)!

Rule # 29 is even a list of do's and don'ts for college women. "Don't look up his class schedule and follow him around campus hoping he will eventually notice you. Don't hang out in the dining hall for all three dinner shifts hoping to spot him at some point between 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m....(Do you really want to spend your college career in the cafeteria wondering 'When will so-and-so walk in?')" Do "Study, eat sensibly, get involved in some extracurricular activity and pick a major and career goal."

These authors seem to have considered every possibility- right down to the fact that some people might consider "Rules girls" a little flaky... Rule # 27 "Do The Rules, even when your friends and parents think it's nuts."

Granted, some of these rules seem to go against everything an educated, career oriented woman should stand for.

Every instinct may tell you that there is nothing wrong with asking a guy out, paying for the date, or seeing him four times a week...but there are some Rules even a woman of the 90s can't argue with. Don't date a married man (Rule # 23), don't expect a man to change or try to change him (Rule # 18), and be a creature unlike any other (Rule # 1).

Being a "creature unlike any other" is an attitude, a sense of self-confidence that any woman would benefit from, whether she is following "The Rules" or not.

If serious about "capturing the heart of Mr. Right," Fein and Schneider suggest devoting six months to their plan and following every rule exactly. The Rules require constant practice and make no exceptions.

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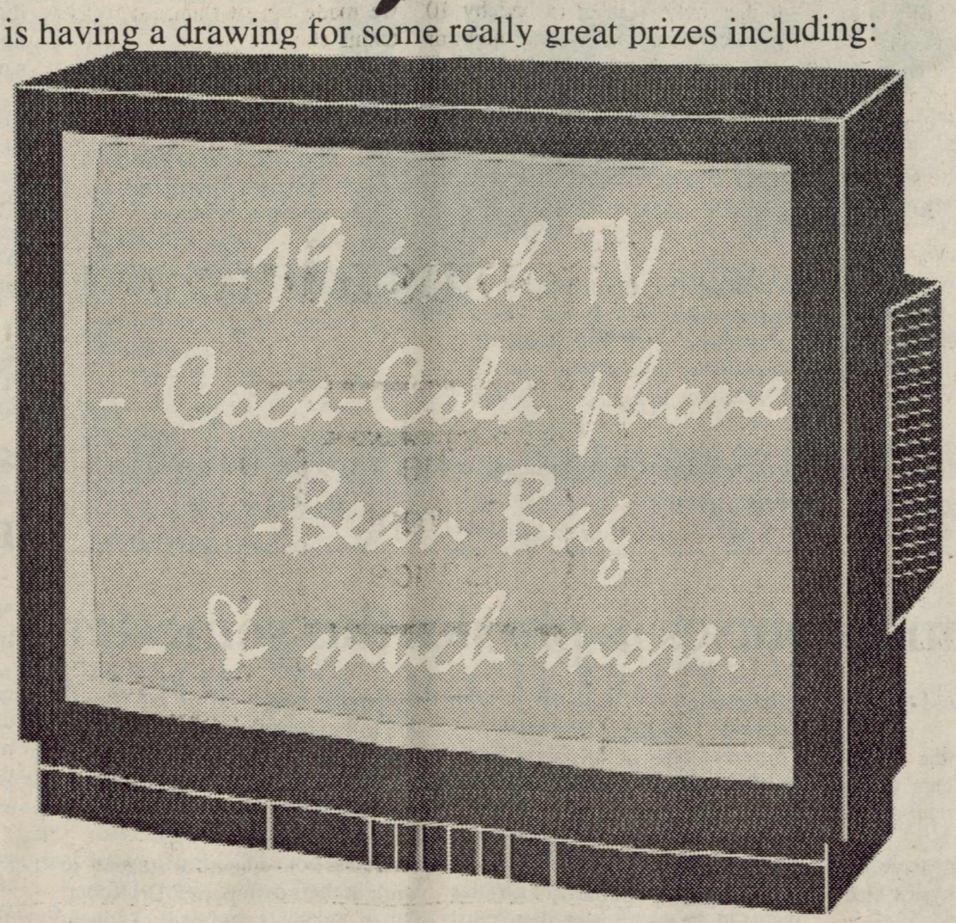
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Current Sauce

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Our View

Ice storm? What ice storm?

Impassable roads, icy weather and bone-chilling cold swept through the area last week and set a very positive chain of events in motion that will hopefully set the tone for the semester. The bad weather's arrival caused a temporary moratorium on travel right when the school was preparing for the whole fee payment/registration ritual.

Things looked pretty bleak and students were rightfully concerned about what would happen to their schedules, loan checks, refunds and all of the other things that make the world of higher education turn.

Things looked bad and many people were worried about how the school would handle the crisis. They shouldn't have.

"Things looked bad and many people were worried about how the school would handle the crisis. They shouldn't have."

NSU took care of business like champions in this case and handled things beautifully considering the circumstances. Classes had to begin on the scheduled start date, due to state guidelines, but the school, especially the people working the tables in Prather, worked overtime to try and accommodate the students. The workers worked from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in a free-for-all of irritated students standing in huge lines. They, as well as the University, should be commended for their efforts in order to keep things running smoothly.

Hopefully, the University will continue to work with the student body as much for the rest of the semester.

On another note, The Current Sauce staff would like to welcome everybody back for the spring semester. We are looking forward to serving the student body better this semester and in order to achieve that goal we are currently revamping our strategies involving news coverage and editorial content to strengthen the quality of the paper from week to week. One of these moves that we feel will be important is the hiring of Philip Wise as a full time Opinion/Editorial Editor. Hopefully this will increase the quality of a page which has admittedly not been our strongest this year. Beginning next week this and other changes will be in effect and we hope that you, as well as ourselves, will be able to see an increase in the quality of the paper.

We would also like to encourage people to write Letters to the Editor. We know that you surely must have something to say and we would like to be the channel for that expression of ideas. We are easy to get in touch with regarding such letters and all of the information and guidelines that one needs to know before writing is spelled out on the Opinions page of this paper. Check it out and once again, we encourage the writing of Letters to the Editor.

All of this being said, we would like to wish everyone a good semester and we are looking forward to keeping you informed once again.

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The optimistic outlook of Jeff is here now, but will it be here tomorrow?

The Gospel of Jeff

Jeff Burkett

Happy Happy, Joy Joy.

There, I started off my first 1997 column on a good note. Now...back to reality!

Go ahead and ask yourself, is it good to be back? As for me, the ever cynical columnist, I am going to blow your mind here.

I am glad to be back at good old NSU! I know it sounds strange for me to say it, but I am actually ready for this semester.

Is it just me, or is everyone in a good mood after the Christmas holiday? For me, the get away from Lousy-ana was refreshing, kind of like putting on new underwear.

It was good to go home and recharge the batteries. I actually got tired of lounging around my parents house and doing nothing, although I do miss the hot tub, the espresso machine, and my parents offering to pay for everything in sight.

But believe it or not, after driving 16 hours to get back here, I felt that it was going to be a great semester.

It was like some sort of evil had left town, well, actually she did leave...but that's beside the point.

I know you are starting to think that I became some kind of Tony Robbins disciple while I was away, but not to worry, I'm sure all of my positive thinking will disappear within the next couple of months.

All I have to do is sit back and let the honchos who supposedly run this place go to work, and I'm sure that they will do something, if not many things, to piss not only me off...but the entire Northwestern community as well.

Really, think about it. Has there ever been a semester when something has not gone completely in the toilet around here? I know this whole trend started several years ago, but it still continues today.

Everything from the horrible parking situation, which they refuse to fix, to the downtrodden conditions of every building on campus (except of course the administration buildings), the whole campus beautification upheaval, and now the Precambrian registration and fee payment process.

**Just a little tip on that one, keep your eyes and ears open for future discussion and purchase of a telephone registration system.

Yes a telephone registration system, one that is super expensive and even more unreliable than what we have now! But Hey...I'm still optimistic!

Now don't get me wrong, Northwestern isn't all that bad. But when or if you would happen to go look at or visit another University, you would see how they (the other school) bend over backwards to keep their students happy.

I recently visited my sibling at her school in Indiana and got to ask her about some of the problems that she has encountered. When I compared the "where students come first" problems to her institution's student woes, her school clearly cared more about it's residents than NSU ever could...But Hey, I'm still a little optimistic.

As for Northwestern and 1997, it is still early. The year is not even four weeks old. And my optimism is fading fast.

I guess I'll remember the lost days of my most recent get away, hold my ears, feign ignorance, and look to the light at the end of the tunnel.

All I can say now is....hurry up May, my optimism is going fast!

The essential art of penny-pinching

Guest Columnist

Beckie Farabough

Early morning classes no longer begin with a ringing bell, and lunches are no longer taken in shifts.

There are no more free-time recesses on the playground, hall passes, and suspension for smoking in the bathroom.

Freshmen can date second-year seniors and not feel like losers, and the dress code is relaxed to the point that "covered" is fine. No longer must we get to bed by 10 p.m. because it is a school night or eat meals composed of the four basic food groups.

We have grown up and left the nest, but we have discovered that some of the nest's rules sort of made sense.

Those of us who must cook on a beggar's budget have discovered the appeal of "Ramen" noodles, generic cereals, "Sam's Cola" and other not-quite-as-big-or-expensive foods.

We shop at Wal-Mart for practically everything and wonder why we made fun of things such as $3 tennis shoes when we were homebound high-schoolers. Out of necessity and just plain practicality, we have eased up on our standards of origin.

It does not matter if this shirt came from the 75 percent-off rack; what matters is how many wearings it can take before it must be washed.

We all knew that middle-aged guy in high school who was legally able to buy the kiddies alcohol, and some of us exploited his age-requirement status, provided we scrounged up the bucks.

Now we can buy our own alcohol! But wait.... Was beer always this expensive?

I mean, the choice comes down to washing a portion of dirty laundry or sitting at the bar throwing it back with a couple of buddies.

I love being with my friends, but I have no "passable" clothes! I have no money, anyway, and I gotta get priorities!

I would not dream of going back to life as it was at home. No, I have tasted a certain modicum of freedom cheaper if I rely on the parents, I need to accept fault for a few of my mistakes and struggle to pay for a few minor phone bills. I must accept my new condition: adulthood.

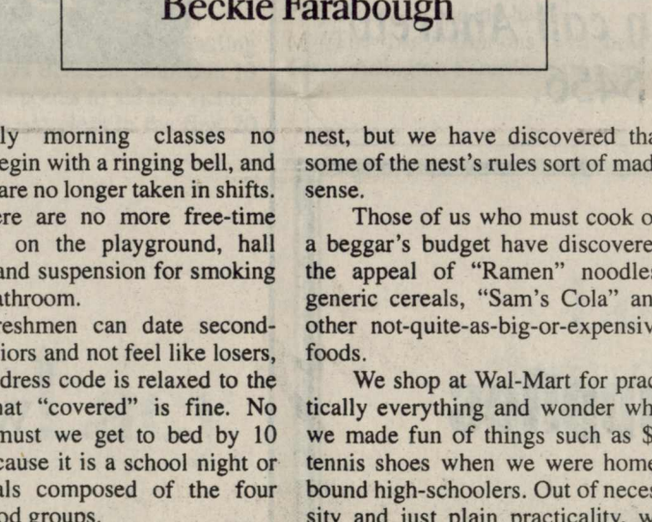
I can be a responsible, mature, moderate individual with priorities and standards.

I can say no to my friends when they are raring to travel to New Orleans for an overnight drinkfest.

I can drive past McDonald's in the morning, munching on a muffin I bought from Wal-Mart the day before and drinking some orange juice freshly squeezed out of the carton. I can even give myself a reasonable curfew and relax it on nights that are not staring into my 8:00 fun hour.

My parents would be so proud, but I refuse to do this for them. After all, this is my life, and I will say what I do... right?

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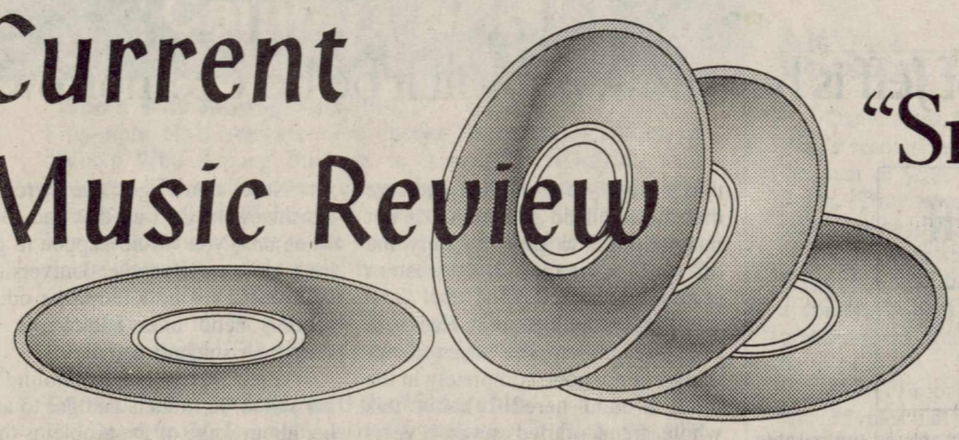


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Current Music Review



"Smoke-filled-lounge-singer voice" captures reviewer's attention

lesa thompson
Staff writer

FIONNA APPLE
TIDAL
Clean Slate / Work

I first heard the music of Fionna Apple late one night while lounging on my sister's sofa in Chalmette.

There I was, right in the middle of thinking that all one truly needs for happiness is a color television and a working remote. Then all of a sudden, I found myself stopping right in the midst of my channel surfing.

Without warning something, no, someone, had caught my attention.

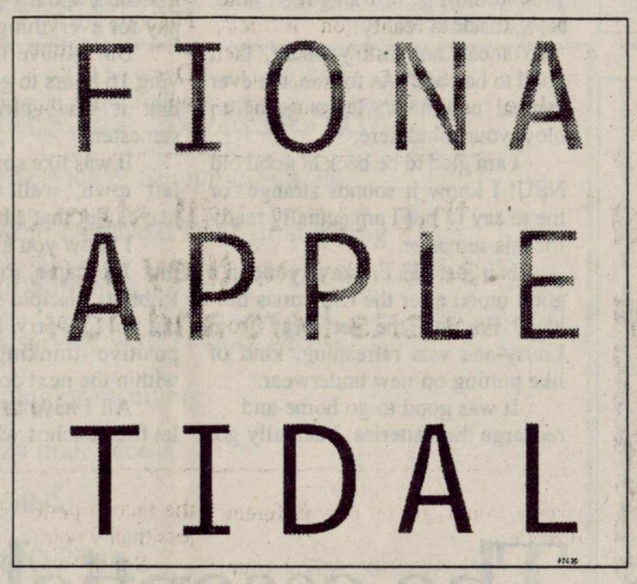
It was a thick-lipped, big eyed girl at the piano, her smoky voice filling the screen, the room, my mind.

I didn't know who this girl was, but her simple black-and-white video had managed to do what I had, until that time, thought was impossible—broke through the lull I had been in since way last semester and actually caught, no captured, my full attention.

I found myself in a bit of a quandary. I couldn't wait until the end of the video so that I might learn the name of this pretty diva in order to rush right out and get my hands on the disc. Yet at the same time, I felt as though I didn't ever want the song to end.

It had been such a long time since music affected me in that way, and I wasn't quite ready to be awakened from the trance.

Ah, but alas, the video did end, and I committed the name of the woman with the smoke-filled-lounge-singer voice to memory. Fionna Apple.



The very next day I purchased a copy of Fionna's Tidal, and I've been allowing her voice to transport me to that smoky lounge in the back of my mind ever since.

According to her bio, Fionna is an 18-year-old New York native who has yet to perform in public.

Her main inspiration, believe it or not, is Maya Angelou. Fionna considers herself more of a songwriter than a singer, but as far as I'm concerned, she lacks ability in neither.

However, Fionna says that songs don't just come flowing forth from her soul, and that she has to really pressure herself to write.

I think that's evident in the quality of both her music and her words. One can't possibly think the songs on Tidal were written in a flash of genius. There's far too much of Fionna's soul in them for that.

No, inspiration like this takes time. Which makes it all the more unbelievable that the songwriter's only had 18 years of life to invest in the finished product.

Fionna's lyrics are intelligently written, and she sings them with a certainty and honesty that can only be offered with the singing one's own lyrics. She leaves no part of her soul unbeared.

Tidal is a musical roller coaster ride of emotions, and Fionna makes every effort to ensure that we can follow along with her, sharing and experiencing herself as we go.

Tidal's music is melodious and rhythmic. It invites the listener to let go and give himself over to it completely. This, coupled with Fionna's deep and soothing voice, is as close to meditation as I'll probably ever get.

Perhaps there is some truth, then, to the old saying that music stills the wild beast. It certainly did for this one...

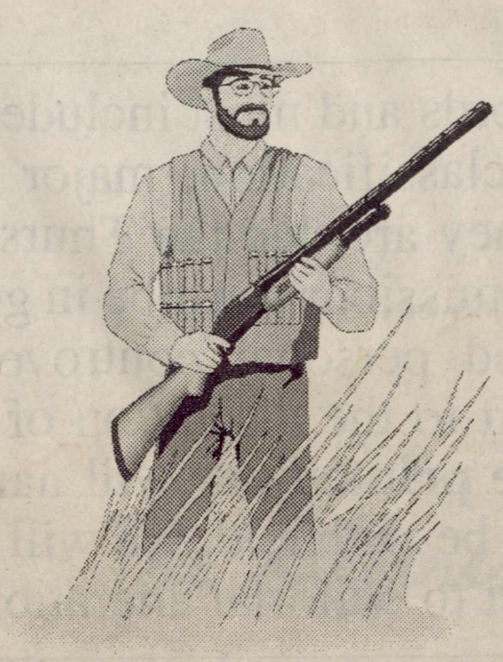
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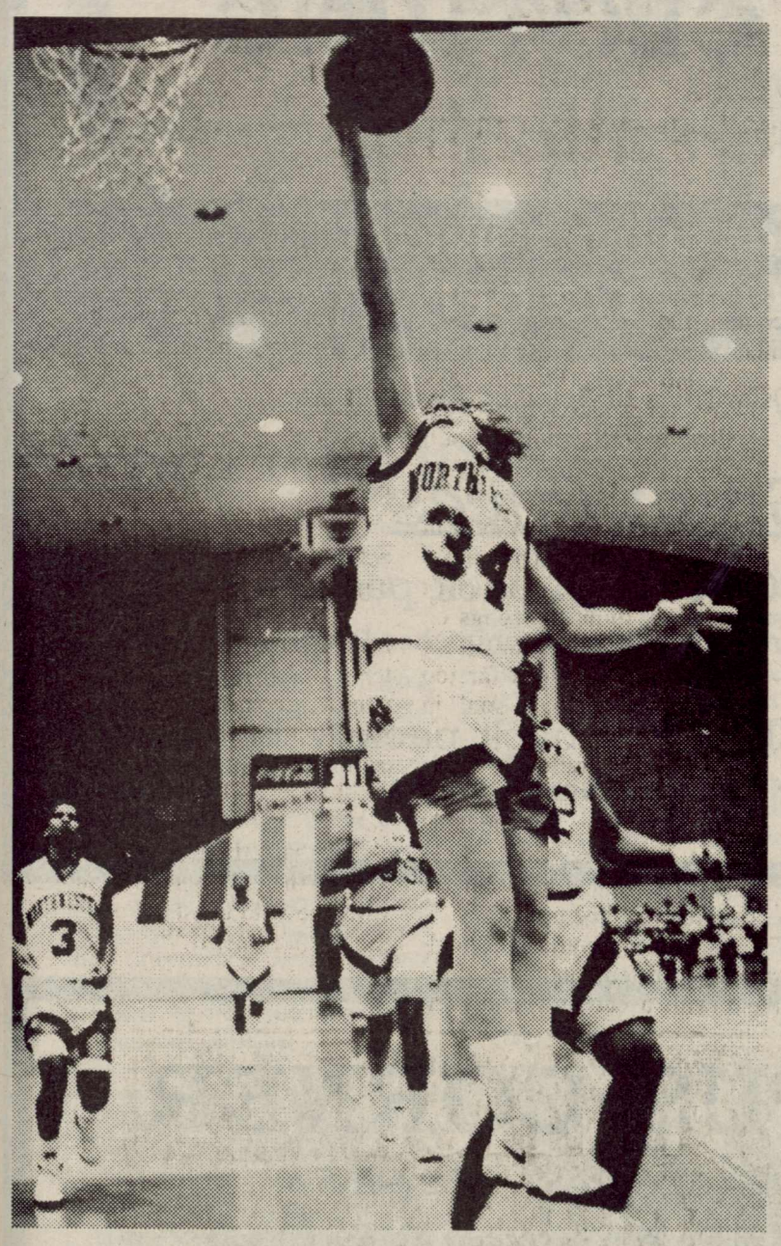
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Sports

Lady Demons break five game losing streak



Judy Clark, a 5'6 freshman from Singer, soars with the ball to secure a victory over the Lady Colonels. photo by Eric Dutile

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff writer

After five straight losses including three conference losses, the Lady Demons picked themselves back up in a 85-72 win against Nicholls State Thursday night.

"These players are not quitters and they are not losers," head coach James Smith said. The Lady Demons proved Smith right and changed the complexion of their season . Smith set the mood for the Lady Demons when he said the team was at the point where the season could go in two different directions.

"I think this team will step up and perform and they understand that it starts here and now," Smith added.

Smith said he understood that the loosing streak was a learning experience for his young team and they used the adversity to improve. The Lady Demons took this to heart and aimed to win.

Senior Nicole Lacy scored 16 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to lead the Lady Demons.

The Lady Demons' leading scorer, Sonya Bearden, poured in 13 second-half points to aid the victory after going scoreless in the first 20 minutes. Amanda Cooper added 15 for Northwestern with Louise Chase and Judy Clark contributing 14.

Leading throughout the first half, the Lady Demons overcame 12 turnovers to hold a slim lead at 34-33 at the break on the merits of a 7-0 run highlighted by four points by freshman Jennifer Graf.

Northwestern shot a season-high 54 percent from the field to halt the longest winless drought in the 23-year history of the program. Nicholls briefly led by 1 twice early after half-time, but the Lady Demons built a comfortable lead with a 10-2 burst midway through the second period and never led by less than 9 points in the final 7:25.

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-James Smith

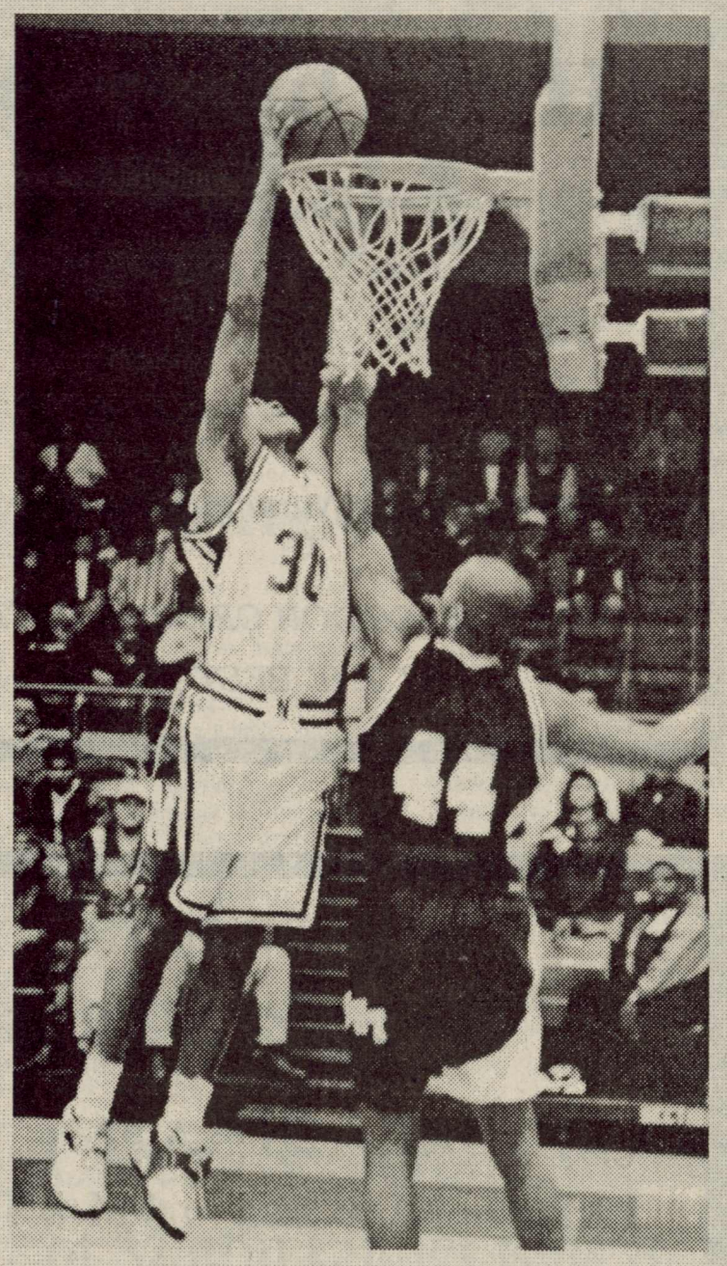
Smith was please with his team's effort.

"We executed well and did a good job on the offensive boards in the second half," Smith said. "I'm still disappointed in the number of turnovers but on the whole we made a better decisions especially down the stretch."

The Lady Demons, averaging over 20 turnovers per game cut the total to 18 in the game 4 and had only six in the second half.

The Lady Demons will host Texas-Arlington Saturday at 4 p.m.

Hoopin' it up



No. 30 Charles Duncan is one reason why the Demons have been so hot this season.

-photo by Eric Dutile

Athlete of the Week; Senior center Nicole Lacy

Philip Wise
Staff writer

Burning up the scoreboard and dominating the ball, Nicole Lacy earned the title of Athlete of the Week during the Lady Demon and Nicholls State game.

Lacy was very possessive of the ball and with her aggressive effort she rebounded 11 from the clutches of her opponents at the Thursday night contest.

Rebounding was not the only high point of her game. She was able to put 16 points on the board with her remarkable accuracy and shooting ability.

Northwestern broke a five-game losing streak by dominating for their first time this year 85-72. The victory was also a celebration of the first Southland Conference win this season. Lacy was a vital participant in this feat with her never- ending love for the game.

"We played really well throughout the game," Lacy said. "We shot very well, shooting them down making the points, but our defense is what won it for us we were very solid," she added.

Lacy, a 6-0 tall senior center, is from Houston, Texas. She is very modest about her ability and will attribute the success of the team to her teammates.

"In the Nicholls game we all played great, every starter had double figures," Lacy said with enthusiasm.

"We are very excited for Nicole, she is a great player, who plays hard with alot of intensity," James Smith women's basketball coach expressed.

"She is the leading senior player that we really need, she has a major role in every game; if she does well it makes us an above average team," Smith added. Smith ended by saying "we are very proud of Nicole."



Lacy

"We played really well throughout the game."

-Nicole Lacy

Lacy has had an outstanding career with the Lady Demons squad. In the 1995-96 season she played in 29 Games, starting 26. Her average play time for was 19.2 minutes each game.

Never the one to go empty handed, she had a 8.2 point average each contest. Her rebounding average was 4.4 with a .580 field goal percentage per game.

Her performance in the past proves that she is an important link in the Lady Demons winning tradition. Lacy led the team in field goal percentages with a .563 rating in the 1994-95 season.

Her aggressive nature on the court led her to score nine points and grab three rebounds in 11 minutes of play against Texas-San Antonio.

Lacy gained experience as a freshmen in the 1993-94 season. She was able to play in 14 games, starting one. Her season high for rebounds was against Texas-San Antonio, this was her only time to start in the season.

As a freshmen she learned and excelled in the game later in theseason. Her points average started at 1.3 per game now it is rated at a 8.2. Her ability to improve is superb and unequaled. Look for outstanding performances from our Athlete of the Week, Nicole Lacy.

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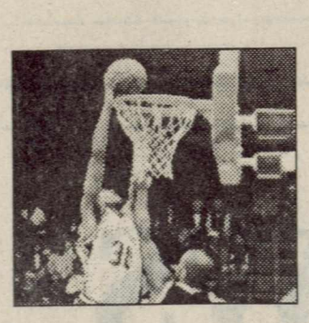


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University looks to recover $51,000 in unauthorized long distance calls

Andrew Martin
Editor-in-Chief

University officials have already begun collecting the $51,000 debt incurred by students making unauthorized long distance phone calls.

The unauthorized phone calls, made between November 1995 and May 1996, were traced mostly to dorm rooms in Rapides and Sabine Halls where students had discovered the University's long distance access code, 504, a number that also serves as the area code for about all of southern Louisiana.

"No one associated with the University had anything to do with choosing 504 as our long distance access code," Fred Fulton, vice president of student affairs, said of the AT&T-assigned access code.

The matter of the unauthorized phone calls was brought up in the House Education Committee's hearing, regarding a November audit of the University by the Legislative Auditor's Office.

The auditor's office found that University officials were late in paying the school's phone bills, including bills sent by the state Office of Telecommunications Management, the agency that pays the state's telephone bills. The University did not process any OTM phone bills from November 1995 through May 1996. These were the bills that contained the $51,000 in unauthorized phone calls.

AT&T at some point in time before the calls began, removed the universal block from the University's phone system including the dormitory phones. A switch that blocked the calls had been tripped, possibly by a University worker or by workers from At&T, allowing students who dialed the 504 access code to make long distance calls on the University's account, according,to Stanley Hippler, head of University computer services.

Approximately 700 students who had calls made from their dorm room are being held liable for 50 percent of the costs incurred from those calls, though the University was willing to work with the students being charged, Fulton said.

"The students who had made the calls could contact the housing office to receive an itemized copy of the phone bill," Fulton said. "The phone bill showed the numbers that were called from the room which gave students a chance to break down the charges."

Fulton added that students who did not contact the housing office were being charged a flat cost of half of the charges made on their room's phone line.

The University placed the charges on the students' University accounts and the charges are being treated as a standard cashier's hold which will prevent the students from registering for classes next semester, getting any records from the University or graduating.

The issue of the unauthorized phone calls comes in the wake of other discrepancies found by state audits.

State auditors took a sampling of 87 students with scholarships during the 1995-96 academic year and found that some of the students received $66,000 worth of scholarships for which they were not eligible.

University officials said that they felt obligated to continue the scholarships since they had been given under a different administration.

State auditors also made note of a former cashier who stole at least $66,486 in cash over a three-year period.

University officials are not releasing the names of students who made the unauthorized long distance calls.



Miss Alabama signs an autograph for a young admirer during a dessert reception for Miss USA pageant contestants. The pageant will be held at Hirsch Memorial Coliseum in Shreveport, beginning next week.

Photo by Steve Evans

Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King Jr., to speak on campus Feb. 26

Civil Rights leader, Coretta Scott King, the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will speak Feb. 26 in Prather Coliseum as part of Northwestern's Distinguished Lecture Series.

The lecture will begin at 10 a.m. and admission is free.

King is the founder and former chairman, president and chief executive officer of The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc. in Atlanta, Ga. Last year, over 3 million people visited The King Center which includes Dr. King's tomb, his birth home, the Freedom Hall Complex and Ebenezar Baptist Church.

The King Center promotes Dr. King's philosophy and strategy of nonviolence through seminars, workshops and training programs for youth, teachers, community leaders and administrators.

Mrs. King has served as co-chairperson of the Full Employment Action Council, representing over 100 national organizations dedicated to a national policy to provide a job at a decent wage for every person who is willing and able to work.

In 1983, King helped bring together more than 800 human rights organizations to form the Coalition of Conscience for the 20th Anniversary March on Washington D.C. This march brought more than a half-million protesters to the nation's capital for the largest nonviolent demonstration in the capital's history.

In 1984, Mrs. King was elected chairperson of the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission to formalize plans for the first legal holiday in honor of Dr. King in 1986.

Mrs. King grew up in Marion, Ala. and attended Antioch College where she received a bachelor's degree in music and education. She then went to Boston to study as a concert singer at the New England Conservatory.

While in Boston, she met Martin Luther King Jr. who was studying for his doctorate in theology at Boston University. They were married June 18, 1953.

University reorganizes academic structure; Six colleges to incorporate existing divisions and departments

The University has reorganized its academic structure, placing its four divisions and nine departments into six colleges.

According to acting Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Thomas A. Burns, the reorganization, which was approved Thursday by the State Board of Regents and previously approved by the University of Louisiana Board of Trustees, takes effect immediately.

"Approval by the Boards of this reorganization brings NSU into a traditional structure which will be recognizable by the academic community and the public," Burns said. "Deanships will enhance communication between academic units and better serve student and faculty needs."

Acting deans will be selected for each college subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. A national search will begin for each dean's position.

The six colleges within the University include: the College of Business, College of Education, College of Liberal Arts, College of Nursing, College of Science and Technology and the Louisiana Scholars' College.

The College of Business, Nursing and Education and the LSC will retain current academic degree programs and within their area.

The College of Liberal Arts will include the following academic departments: Department of Journalism, Language and Communication, Social Science, Psychology and the Mrs. H. D. Dear, Sr. and Alice B. Dear Department of Creative and Performing Arts. The College of Liberal Arts will also include the degree programs in general studies.

The College of Science and Technology will include the following academic departments: Department of Health and Human Performance, Industrial Technology, Family and Consumer Science, Military Science and the former Division of Mathematics and Science which will be divided into the Department of Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Physics and the Department of Mathematics.

Watson Library waiting for $25,000 from SGA

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

The check is in the mail.

At least that's what Watson librarians are hoping. Although the SGA voted last semester to give $25,000 to Watson Library, all Dr. Ada Jared, director of libraries, can do is wait.

Jarred has been told that the money is on its way, but hasn't received any "official" notification.

"It is my understanding that the SGA is giving us $25,000 for library materials and they've also said they are placing $75,000 in trust so that we will draw interest from it in the future," Jarred said. "I don't have official notification of either one of those yet."

According to SGA President Carlton Downey, the library should receive the $25,000 within the next few weeks. The library will also receive the interest from $75,000 for the next 10 years.

"We've completed the paperwork and made sure that everything was done correctly," Downey said.

This money will come from a student assessed fee collected over four years during the 1980's, and placed in a trust fund. Over the last 10 years, about $167,000 has accumulated, to be used only for projects that will benefit all students.

According Downey, the trust fund has been used only once, to purchase the call boxes installed on campus last year.

"The only money we had on hand for books was the payments that students had made for lost books."

Dr. Ada Jared

This time, the money will be used to buy approximately 600-700 books for Watson Library.

According to Jarred, in 1993 the average cost of a book was over $43, but the books bought by NSU tend to be a little cheaper than that.

The money will be used to buy books instead of journals, because journal subscriptions are a recurring cost.

"If you commit yourself to a journal subscription, then next year you get a bill for the same amount," Jarred said. "So when you have a gift like this it's better to spend it on one-time acquisitions. That's why we agreed with the SGA officers that books would be the best choice for this money."

Books will be chosen from a list of student and faculty requests, with additional titles chosen by Watson librarians.

This money comes at a good time for Watson Library because with the increase in serial prices, there was no money left to buy new books.

"The serial prices keep increasing and we had to cut quite a bit in just serials this year, so that actually left us with almost no money for books this year," Jarred said. "The only money we had on hand for books was the payments that students had made for lost books.

"We had $2,000 in that account this year, but that's pretty much designated for re-ordering the same thing, or something in the same subject area."

According to Jarred, "it is challenging" to run a library, when you don't have the money to buy books. But this gift gives Jarred faith in the students here.

"We are overwhelmed with the generosity of our students and they are understanding of the serious nature of this problem," Jarred said. "Students on most campuses in Louisiana designate $1 or $2 a semester for a book fund. Our SGA had never done that and to kind of catch up like this is just incredible to us. It is very reassuring."

Jarred expects to receive the money by the end of January so books should be on library shelves before the end of the semester.

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Campus Briefs

Boyle arraignment
Northwestern student and Wal-Mart employee, Travis Boyle, entered a plea of not guilty during his arraignment Friday, Natchitoches District Attorney Van Kyzar said. According to Kyzar, the case is scheduled to be heard during the March 24 jury term. Boyle was represented at the arraignment by Taylor Townsend. Boyle was arrested Nov. 14 and charged with felony theft when suspected of taking over $10,000 in Wal-Mart merchandise during a one-year period. If convicted, Boyle faces up to 10 years in jail, with or without hard labor, a fine of no more than $3,000, or both. Boyle is not registered for classes at Northwestern this semester.

"A Doll's House"
Northwestern State University's Theatre will present Ibsen's "A Doll's House" Feb. 17-24 in Theatre West. The play's director, Dr. Jim Stacy, will use film director Ingmar Bergman's adaptation of the play and using the American South as the setting. Ibsen's drama depicts the self-liberation of a 19th century woman, Nora Helmer, who is played by Heather Child of Arlington, Texas. In the play, Nora realizes that her role as a wife and a mother have caused her to lose her identity. For ticket information, call 357-6891.

Business Leaders Professorship
First Federal Savings and Loan Association has made the first contribution toward the establishment of the Business Leaders' Endowed Professorship at Northwestern State University. A patron's donation of $5,000 by First Federal entitles the savings and loan to be recognized with a special plaque by a room in Russell Hall, which will be the home of the College of Business later this semester. A donation of $1,000 or more will allow a "Benefactor" to be listed on a large foyer plaque while a donation of $250 or more by a "Partner" will let the donor be listed on a smaller foyer plaque. Commitments can be paid over a two-year period and honorees and contributors will be recognized at a reception this Spring. The College of Business has two endowed professorships, the David Morgan Professorship and the Noble B. Morrison Professorship in Applied Business. A total of $60,000 in contributions are needed to create an endowed professorship. That sum is matched by an additional $40,000 from the Board of Regents Support Fund. For more information on the Business Leaders Professorship, contact Dr. Barry Smiley at 357-5161.

"The Role of Higher Education in Economic Development"
Northwestern State University will present a "live" videoconference via satellite on "The Role of Higher Education in Economic Development" Friday, January 31, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Ora G. Williams Studio in Kyser Hall. This event is being provided as a community service by NSU. To receive additional information, please call Melissa Peveto at 357-6466.

NSU Channel 22
Catch these programs on NSU 22: M-W-F 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Business Law Class, M-F 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m. NASA Television and a live broadcast of "The Lady of the Bracelet" pageant Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7:00 p.m. Beginning Jan. 30, 1997: M-F 3:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. "Live"-NSU local news and M-F 6:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. "Live" rebroadcast.

Faculty and Students Presentations at the LPA Conference
Several faculty members and students from NSU made presentations at the Louisiana Psychological Association Conference in New Orleans. Faculty members Catherine Hansen and Patrice Moulton and students Charmin Chance, Misty Mayeux, Tara Rivers, Pamela J. Blackwell, Evelyn Garcie, Shannon Burton, Leah Cowick, Kristie Martin, Dan Hannenman and Jeffrey Harvey. Eight poster presentations were made at the conference, the most of any college or university in the state.

Chic-fil-A to serve free samples at grand opening

Tatum Lyles
News editor

Beginning Monday, Feb. 3, students will see a welcome addition to the choices of food available in the Student Union with the opening of Chic-fil-A.

According to Chuck Weaver, food service director for Aramark, the new Chic-fil-A will open Feb. 3 for a one hour lunch and will then close to hold a Chic-fil-A staff self-evaluation meeting. The same process will then be repeated after a one hour opening for dinner.

The decision to put Chic-fil-A in the Union was made during the fall semester. "We've been considering brands for quite a while and it is just time to bring one in," Weaver said.

According to Fred Fulton, vice president of student affairs, there may be a hamburger chain in the University's future.

President Randall J. Webb commented on the new restaurant saying that the Chic-fil-A was chosen both to please the student body and because it will not be in competition with other local establishments.



Photo by Steve Evans

"We are just listening to the students and trying to do what we think they want done," Webb said.

"Dr. Webb has been very instrumental in the evaluation of dining services and was a proponent of Chic-fil-A...," said Fulton.

Student opinions vary with some liking the idea of a Chic-fil-A with others questioning the prices.

"I know one thing, I won't be eating in Vic's anymore," said Chad Watson, a senior math education major.

"Being a student without a meal plan, I have to actually pay for the meals with cash," said Carrie Shepherd, sophomore art education major. "I only wonder if the prices will be comparable to those in the malls, or if Aramark will try to make the meals more attainable to the 'typical' college student."

The Aramark employees are also anxious about the coming of Chic-fil-A.

"I am extremely excited because I think it is a great opportunity for both my employees and the school," said Aramark Locations Manager Lila Spillman.

Weaver addressed the issue of prices by saying that they (prices) will be the same as any other Chic-fil-A. A garden salad will cost $2.99, a chicken sandwich $2.29 and fries $1.09. Chicken nuggets will cost $2.29 for eight and $3.39 for 12.

According to President Webb, a group of students will be taken to other schools in the future to help determine which methods of food service work best for other universities.

The actual opening ceremony and ribbon cutting will occur in conjunction with the Mardi Gras celebration in the Student Union. At the opening, students and faculty will be given free samples of the chicken.

Webb to bring leadership and vision to Northwestern

Tatum Lyles
News editor

From residential life to better education, NSU President Randall J. Webb has devoted himself to bringing "leadership and vision to Northwestern."

After serving as Northwestern's president for approximately six months, "I feel that we have accomplished a lot just by setting up our goals...," Webb said.

Goals set by Webb include increasing use of technology, creation of a student-oriented environment, promotion of excellence in teaching and a continuing concern for students' needs.

University improvements during Webb's first six months include the emphasis placed on accreditation and University assessment.

Two examples of the curriculum improvements include the journalism department's provisional accreditation and the accreditation process through which the family and consumer science department is about to undergo.

Webb has also taken steps toward faculty appreciation. He commended the University's faculty and the quality of their work, by honoring all faculty members who have served Northwestern for 30 or more years.

"I am trying to demonstrate to our faculty and staff how much we appreciate them," Webb said. He also emphasized the importance of encouraging "faculty to be excellent teachers."

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> **President Randall J. Webb**

Another of Northwestern's accomplishments since Webb became president is the establishment of the cable channel NSU 22.

According to Roy Davis, chief engineer of NSU 22, "It is a chance for the community to see programming developed by Northwestern students. Not only classroom work, such as the business law class, but also presentations such as NSU's Lady of the Bracelet pageant and sporting events."

As president, Webb also looks forward to solving students problems.

One problem Webb is currently dealing with is complaints from students in regard to the condition of the dorms. "We are going to work diligently to improve the dormitories," Webb said.

Webb also plans to work closely with SGA President Carlton Downey in an effort to understand the students and their concerns.

"I am constantly trying to stay in communication with faculty, staff and students," Webb said.

For the future of NSU, Webb plans to listen to and try to help the student body by welcoming questions and offering possible solutions through student e-mail.

With much in store for the future and many years ahead, the president of the University has plans to keep in sync with the rapid pace of education in the 90's through technology.

"Our overall goal is to improve instruction, services and communication through the use of technology," Webb said.

The plans Webb has put into action will serve as a gateway to the future for both Northwestern and its many students.

Number of non-traditional students grows with addition of off-campus sites

Kenn Posey
Sports editor

According to University records, the amount of non-traditional students on and off campus has increased to 40 percent within the past few years. With the recent criteria non-traditional students are now easier to identify.

Pursuing a higher level of education has become more convenient with off campus sites in Coushatta, Jena, Many, Jonesville, Mansfield, Winnfield and other areas close to home for many people who otherwise would not be able to attend classes.

According to Yvonne Alost, coordinator of continuing education, attending classes and receiving a degree is a tremendous burden while trying to, in many cases, balance a full-time job and provide for a family.

"Although it is a burden, it is necessary because the majority of employers are demanding a degree," Alost said.

Alost said the majority of these students are more dedicated to their course of study because they realize how important an education is and also, because they often have to pay for their education themselves.

"Many people on campus would say that they are more dedicated, that does not necessarily mean that they are all 'A' students, but they do try very hard," Alost commented. "They (non-traditional students) realize that this is an investment for their family and their future."

Non-traditional students are easy to find around campus.

Non-traditional student Diane Wiggins said that it has been difficult to continue her education because of financial problems. Wiggins, a senior general education major, is an honor roll student who works full-time and has three daughters, one who is in college herself.

"It has been stressful, but I know that it will be well worth all the staying up late at night studying, working long hours and missing out on a great deal of my social life," Wiggins said.

Other non-traditional students are sharing classes with their children.

Carol Brown is enrolled this semester in economics with her son.

"College, change and priorities are the main things to be considered in a non-traditional students life," Brown said. "In order to stay sane, you have to decide what is the most important and let everything else go."

Brown, a family and consumer science major, added, "It just depends on what you want and what you are willing to give up. In my experience, everyone I have met at Northwestern in every department has gone to great lengths to help out."

Balancing a family alone while pursuing a degree can be very stressful, Lillie Johnson a junior business administration major said.

" I think it is very difficult but no one said it was going to be easy," Johnson said.

Johnson said that commuting from Coushatta everyday does not make the situation any easier. She also said that she has to work to pay the bills, and being a single parent there is just not enough time to go around.

The Office of Continuing Education is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to assist any non-traditional student who is pursuing, or is interested in pursuing their degree. For more information, contact Yvonne Alost at 357-5682.

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The Black Student Association of Northwestern will have its first meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Cane River Room of the Student Union. Any interested students are invited to attend. For more information please contact Michelle Craig at 357-4196.

Celebrity Look-a-likes
The Student Activities Board is looking for people who look like Celebrities. People selected will be involved in the upcoming Lady of the Bracelet Pageant. Anyone interested in participating needs to contact Mr. Henry at 357-6511 in the SAB office in the Student Union before Feb. 6.

College Republicans
The College Republicans will hold their first spring semester meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in Student Union Rm. 321. They will be making plans for this semester. Everyone is invited to attend.

Current Sauce Meetings
The Current Sauce will hold a staff meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 2:30 p.m. for all interested. We are accepting those students interested in news writing, feature writing, column writing and editorial cartoonists. Previous experience is not needed. For more information call Andrew Martin or Sarah Crooks at 357-5456.

Internet Workshops
Workshops for beginning Internet users will be held in the Watson Library Internet Lab at the following times: Friday, Jan. 31 from 9-10 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 6 from11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 13 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. No previous Internet experience is required. Attendance is limited to 9 NSU students, staff, and faculty per workshop. Please sign up at the Watson Library Reference Desk to reserve your spot.

Phi Mu Fraternity
We will have our chapter retreat Friday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom and there will be a formal meeting on February 2 at 6 p.m. Don't forget that study hall begins this week. The hours are from 6-9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Students in Free Enterprise
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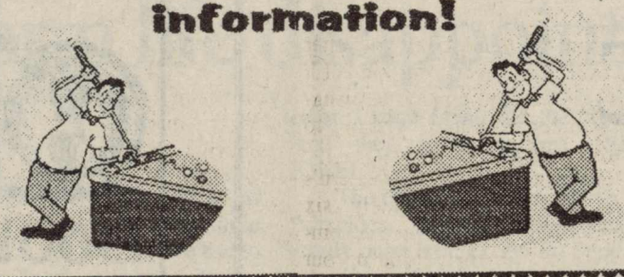
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A&E

"Fury with finesse" sets the tone for this week's music reviews

lesa thompson
Staff writer

ANAL C—T
I Like It When You Die
Earache

Call it genius, call it punk, call it noise, call it mind-polluting crap. But no matter what you call it, A.C. doesn't care.

Vocalist Seth Putnam and the rest of A.C. are hardly going to lose sleep because someone doesn't like their music. But don't take it too personally—I don't think they'd care much if you did like it, either. That's just the sort of "We do what we want to and we don't care what you think" attitude they seem to have.

The band's latest press sheet states that the underground media considers A.C.'s sound the "furthest extreme in the vein of punk legend G.G. Allin." Who, you'll remember, is the guy that used to jam bananas up his butt on stage. Then, uh, remove 'em and pelt 'em at the audience. (Was that before or after he hurled the doody ?) At any rate, I forget. But the point is, A.C. continues to carry the torch.

If you're familiar with the band A.C., then you surely won't be disappointed with their most recent effort. "I Like It When You Die" has 52 tracks of the stuff we've come to love (or Hate) A.C. for. Actually, I think this is about the best record they've done to date.

I like "40 More Reason To Hate Us," but this is even better. Maybe it's just because I was ready for a new release, but I actually think the music itself on "I Like It When You Die" is pretty killer. The songs are a little longer, (well, some of 'em), and I can even understand a few of the lyrics. Of course, the 'F' word comes through clearly enough, but what else would you expect?

Anyway, you've just gotta love a CD that has songs titled "You Look Adopted," "Being A Cobbler is Dumb" and "Windchimes Are Gay." I mean, how killer is that! But even if you don't think A.C.'s the most awesome band since Supertramp, this disc is still worth owning. If nothing else, maybe it'll make you laugh. Unless, of course, you have no sense of humor whatsoever. In that case, you'll probably want to have them killed. Like I said, either way, I really don't think they'd care.

Napalm Death and Coalesce
(Split ep)
in tongues we speak
Earache

As soon as you've finished reading my music reviews for this week and you're done savoring every word, rush your hiney to the nearest record store and get a copy of "in tongues we speak."

Not only is this the latest release from Napalm Death and absolutely killer, but it's also the very last time you're ever gonna hear frontman Mark "Barney" Greenway belting 'em out like he's been sucking on Drain-O drops for the past seven years. At the end of "Upward and Uninterested," Greenway lets one loose that'll make you swear somebody just nailed his wee-wee to a table. Hard. With a really big hammer.

Anyway, I love Napalm Death. They're intelligent, aggressive beyond belief and their music is all powerful. Look up the word "belligerent" in a dictionary and it'll say, "Exhibiting assertiveness, aggression and combativeness. See Napalm Death." Truly, Napalm Death are the "Kings of Extreme Music" (all hail).

This split EP, "in tongues we speak," is Napalm's first split ever and contains two tracks from Napalm and two from Coalesce. Napalm offers us the previously unreleased "Food Chains" and a demo of "Upward and Uninterested." Both songs hold true to Napalm fashion, and they'll have you in the hallway snarling and playing air guitar two seconds into the first jam.

Nicely complementing the Napalm tracks are two efforts from Coalesce that are totally raw. Both songs have a quality to them that screams, "This is us, so up yours!" Their music fits right in with Napalam's, and Coalesce show us that they can hold their own, even against 15-year Metal Gods Napalm Death. And yes, a lot of bands these days are angry, but Coalesce know how to incorporate animosity with style. It's fury with finesse—I like that.

Anyway, this is all the new Napalm Death you're gonna get until at least the springtime. Then the band will record their next album, "Inside The Torn Apart," with the new vocalist, Phil Vane from Extreme Noise Terror. In the meantime of now and then, I think "in tongues we speak" should be sufficient to hold you over.

D.O.A.
New York City Speedcore
Earache

Jeez! Make good and sure you don't have the volume up too loud when you pop this one into the disc player. I damned near jumped right outta my skin.

Okay, this is rave music at its best. I know that because it instantaneously gave me a headache.

I listen to techno-hardcore-gabber music just about as often as never, and this CD does nothing but remind me of why. The songs on "New York City Speedcore" are drilling a huge hole right through the thickest part of my skull at a rate of something between 150-200 beats per minute. In all honesty, I don't think I can take much more of it.

The press sheet states that this is "the next logical step toward world domination." That wouldn't surprise me one bit. If this stuff got pumped through enough speakers simultaneously, world domination would be no trouble. Who could possibly have the strength necessary to resist when his brain is steadily oozing out of his cranial cavity (and at a rate of 150-200 beats per minute, nonetheless)? Which, in my opinion, is about all this music is good for—melting the mind.

Now, don't get me wrong. If you like this sort of thing, then by all means possible, please feel free to partake of the festivities.

As for myself, however, I'm just not digging it. I feel like my spinal cord has gone straight into spasms as a direct result of all this constant pounding.

Maybe I'm just too old to enjoy this. Perhaps when I was a few years younger, I would've thought that the sun would rise and shine only because D.O.A. (disciples of annihilation) wanted it to. As it stands now, however, I'd think I'd rather suffer from menstrual cramps than go to a rave and listen to this stuff.

However, I will say this much for "New York City Speedcore"—I think this is precisely the kind of music ravers would love. And if you fancy yourself a member of said group, why then, you're just absolutely gonna love it.

I, on the other hand, am going to go ingest a bottle and a half of Advil now. And please don't call me in the morning—I'll still be pulse drunk.

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Super Party XXXI

It was a nation-wide party. Everyone was invited.

There were parties in apartments, dorm rooms, houses, bars and restaurants. The guests were children, teenagers, college students, moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, best friends and acquaintances.

The host? Super Bowl XXXI of course.

It's a great excuse for a nation-wide party, when there isn't much to celebrate. There isn't a major holiday for a few months, the weather is cold and dreary, (except in Louisiana) and perhaps worst of all, we have to go back to classes and start studying.

It gives the adult population an excuse to do what college students do every weekend - hang out with friends, eat, drink and watch television for hours.

"even if you don't particularly like football, the Super Bowl can still be entertaining."

Football fans can sit around spouting team trivia, making bets, showing their team loyalties, rooting for the underdogs and playing "armchair quarterback," all while bringing closure to the football season.

And even if you don't particularly like football, the Super Bowl can still be entertaining.

Try adding up the millions of dollars companies like Pepsi, Budweiser, Lay's, Nike and Coca-Cola spent on their advertisements. Each 30-second commercial cost $1.5 million to air. That doesn't even include the production costs of the commercials, or the celebrities and supermodels brought in to smile and hold a bag of potato chips.

(Too bad most of their "super" audience probably missed the commercials while fighting over the last hot wing or piece of pizza.)

The commercials covered everything a college students might be interested in. There were computers, long-distance companies, junk food, lowfat junk food, and of course - beer.

Budweiser had at least seven different commercials during the course of the Bowl. And they were by far, the most memorable and amusing. The King of Beers even took a socially responsible approach with one ad, reminding viewers to "choose a designated driver."

Besides the commercials and the half-time show, women were interested not in the game itself, but the game's quarterbacks. This year's Super Bowl planners probably could have gained women viewers by boasting "two of the cutest quarterbacks in the Super Bowl...ever," as one Super Bowl partier said.

And of particular interest in this area was the fact that the Super Bowl was being held in our state's most interesting city, New Orleans. Just think of all the tourist dollars that brought in.

By the way, in case you've been in solitary confinement for the last two days - Green Bay won the biggest game in football 35-21 and Budweiser answered that age old question "Why did the chicken cross the road?," to get to a bottle of Budweiser of course.

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Columnist searches for "genuine" people

The Gospel of Jeff

Jeff Burkett

Just the other day, I sat down at a local liquid bread serving establishment and struck up a conversation with one of my former night class members from last semester.

In class she was only known as "Econ Babe," but in talking to her I found out not only her name, but many interesting things about her and her life here at NSU.

I know many are thinking that I was trying to hit on her, but I just wanted to enjoy a nice conversation with someone, nothing special, I just wanted to talk.

The next day, I had a chance to converse with one of the 51 beauties that graced the city streets of Natchitoches on their way to the Miss America pageant in Shreveport.

She entered into the place where I was contemplating life over a cup of joe, sat down and ordered, and then began to converse with some of the other patrons. I have never been so turned off by a good looking woman in all of my life.

Everything she said sounded like it was being read straight from a cue card! She sounded fake, plastic, she was spewing nothing but pure pageant bulls--t. That is when I got my inspiration for this article....

How many people have you run into during your life here on earth that you just can't stand to listen to? For me, I have run into more than my fair share. But on the same note, I have been fortunate enough to encounter some brilliant and truly interesting "genuine" human beings.

Genuine people. These are members of the homo-sapien species who actually know what is going on here on this spinning rock we call Earth. A genuine person doesn't have to be popular, good looking, super intelligent, or even wealthy. As a matter of fact, some of the most "genuine" people who I have run into have been your average nobody special.

These genuine people are everywhere, but most individuals usually don't take a moment of their self centered life to open up and even say hello to these individuals. And why is that you ask? I don't even know!

What is a genuine person you ask? To be honest, I have no idea. But I am sure that you have run into them before. To me they are the individuals who truly know what they are talking about. Whether it is their field of work, their interests or hobbies, or even their life experiences, you can't get enough of what they are saying. Genuine people make you feel comfortable, they can excite you, or even motivate you.

They are the type of individuals that should be running this country instead of the corrupt money grubbing old farts, like Sen. Strom Thurmond, that infest the government to this day.

Genuine people are not afraid to speak their minds either. Have you ever been insulted by someone who just speaks their mind? I know some of my readers have. But guess what, if you don't like what I have to say...you don't have to read it! After writing this column for almost a year now, I find many individuals who will comment to me about my writing. This I enjoy, because it gives me a chance to get to know them, and for them to get to know me.

Here is where I can break down the barriers of unknowing and let them get into my head. Whether they like me or not, I am sure that after talking to me, I will walk away with a new friend. And the thing is, I'm sure many other people out there will have the same effect on you if you let them.

I know genuine is the topic here, and some are wondering why I commented on myself. I did this because I wanted to show that in writing my article, I tell you what is on my mind.

Yes, I may have a bad attitude on certain things like (but in no specific order) Northwestern, but I am telling you how I feel and how I see things. But remember, this is just my opinion. It is how Jeff sees things. In my self named "gospel", I write how I feel, no B.S., just the plain truth out of my head.

So now that we are all a little more enlightened, go put down the paper, find someone who interests you, lose the attitude, open up, and talk...

Dorm life disappointing for underclassman

Dear Editor,

I have been a resident of Rapides Hall for the past three semesters. In this time, I have had to deal with loud neighbors, louder music, slamming doors, unending fire alarms, unsanitary bathroom facilities and assorted crap in general.

As I write this, my desk is vibrating because the resident next door insists on playing his stereo at full blast. Yet, no one else seems to care. In fact, my R.A. is nowhere to be found.

When I signed up for a dorm room, being that I am an underclassman, I had to sign up for this "Holiday Inn" for the roaches. In order to get some peace and quiet to allow me to study, I made it perfectly clear that I wanted to be in one of Rapides' so-called "Quiet Halls." This "Quiet Hall" idea I thought was great. I soon found out the "Quiet Hall" they put me on was a BIG JOKE!

The entire time I have been in "Crapides," there has never been a totally quiet hall, except on Sunday mornings after a long and hard Saturday night.

I can understand that there will be some noise, that is only natural. However, I don't feel as though I should be able to hear a conversation that is four doors down the hall. Nor do I feel that I should have to be subjected to being able to feel every beat of my neighbors music. And for some unknown reason, every time I hit on the wall or ask him to turn it down, he turns his stereo up. For as long as I can remember, when someone beats on the wall or asks you to turn your music down, it usually means TURN THE MUSIC DOWN, DON'T turn it up!

As for the other problems besides noise, I guess half of the residents were raised in barns or homes without the convenience of indoor plumbing. I was always taught to flush the commode. I just assumed everyone else was taught the same. Also, the shower stalls were and are not intended to be used as a toilet in case all of the stalls are full.

If you have to spit, I beg of you, PLEASE FIND A TRASH CAN or go outside. I personally do not want to step in another pile on my way to the shower. And, if you do spit in the sink, have the decency to WASH OUT THE SINK! In fact, if you spit in the sink or shave in the sink, CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF! There are other people here that were not raised like you.

I have to give credit to R.R.S. They try their damnedest to keep this place clean. I don't know why they work so hard when, in about 15 minutes after they clean the restroom, someone goes in there and decides it is time for a toilet paper fight or time to clog the toilets. This is an almost weekly occurrence.

If you read this and it sounds like you, that really shows your intelligence(or lack there of).

For the price I pay to live in the "lap of luxury," I should not have to put up with this, nor should any other resident.

I honestly wish I knew where the R.A.'s were when you all of this is going on. Aren't they supposed to help keep the noise down and make living in the dorms bearable? Personally, I prefer the convenience of living on campus. But, believe me, when I can afford it, I am moving my fed up ass out of this hellhole.

To all of the residents reading this, put on your earplugs and boots, because it is going to be a loud and messy ride.

Geoffery Ellis

Department of Education faculty upset over increased workload

An Open Letter to the Administration of Northwestern State University from the Faculty of the Division of Education

The faculty of the Division of Education would like to express our concern over the administration's recent decision to alter faculty workload. The faculty are understandably proud of our efforts to build high quality programs that have led to three separate accreditations (NCATE, CEC, and CACREP).

We have dedicated ourselves to maintaining this high standard of excellence across all of our efforts, including classroom teaching, student mentoring, scholarly research, and dissemination of new knowledge via publication and conference presentations.

We believe that our programs reflect the standards set forth by our various accreditors which are based on sound theoretical and philosophical principles.

We are, therefore, dismayed by the apparent lack of administrative support in adhering to these accreditation standards and the concomitant goal of academic excellence.

By mandating an increased teaching load for Spring 1997 (and continuing into future semesters), we will be forced to stand in violation of our accreditation standards (see p. 26 of the NCATE Standards Procedures and Policies manual section, III.C.2). We are concerned, not only about this direct violation, but the more important message being sent by the administration, that while there may be support for obtaining an accreditation, there seems to be little commitment to maintaining these accreditations.

We would further point out that the execution of this mandate has been poorly timed. The decision was announced to the majority of faculty days after they had left for the holiday break which results in a scramble to rearrange academic program offerings and throws course rotations into chaos. Further, it is difficult for faculty to adequately prepare a high quality curricular experience with little or no preparation time.

The challenge for both faculty and administration is to maintain a level of excellence in teaching and a student-oriented environment (both stated goals of SACS) while insuring continuation of the institution.

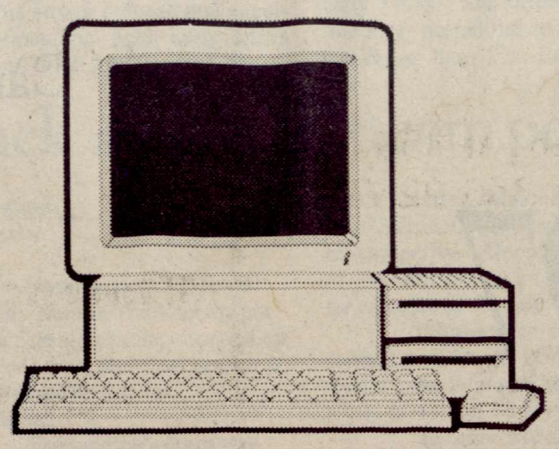
As a faculty, we are highly supportive of the administration and are committed to making NSU a quality university. However, we cannot accomplish these goals by abandoning the very tenets of quality recognized nationally through accreditation standards.

We would appreciate an opportunity to have an honest and open dialogue through which we could find solutions to the challenges that face the Division of Education and the entire campus while protecting the accreditations and quality we have worked so hard to establish.

Respectfully,

Division of Education
Faculty

Editor's note: The Current Sauce' received this open letter addressed to the administration last week. It was distributed by the Division of Education Faculty in the hopes that "this letter will open a dialogue that will lead to solutions that continue the level of excellence in our programs while meeting the needs of the broader campus community."



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Sports

Former Northwestern baseball and football coach, Jack Clayton dies of heart failure

Jack Clayton, who coached Northwestern's football teams to four conference championships in 10 years, capped by an unbeaten 1966 season, died Sunday of congestive heart failure.

Clayton was 86. He and his wife Nellie would have celebrated their 54th anniversary today.

Clayton, a Haughton native and resident, died at Shreveport's Willis-Knighton Hospital. Services will be held Wednesday at the Haughton Baptist Church.

Clayton compiled an overall record of 108-68-4 in 18 seasons as a college football coach at Northwestern (1957-66) and Western Kentucky (1948-56). His teams won or shared eight conference championships.

A 1936 Northwestern graduate, Clayton posted the second-highest winning percentage (.624, 58-35-2) in school history. His teams tied for Gulf States Conference titles in 1957 and 1958 and won outright GSC crowns in 1962 and 1966.

Among the players Clayton coached were Jackie Smith, a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame; and Louisiana Sports Hall of fame members Charlie Hennigan and Charlie Tolar, who starred for the Houston Oilers in the American Football League.

Clayton's 1966 team was picked to finish fifth in the conference, but went 9-0, giving Northwestern its first undefeated team since 1939.

The Demon's were ranked No. 1 nationally in the NAIA poll but declined a playoff invitation because players who had been redshirted earlier in their careers were ineligible under NAIA rules.

Clayton and the 1966 team were honored last fall by NSU on the 30th anniversary of the landmark season. A permanent monument listing game-by-game results and names of all team members was unveiled behind the south end zone of Turpin Stadium.

"His players loved him," NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb, said. "His friends loved him, and this University loved him. Coach Clayton's accomplishments leave an indelible mark on the history of our institution."

Webb was a walk-on center on Clayton's football teams prior to graduating in 1965.

"He was truly on of the finest people I've ever known," Webb said. "Our families have been very close for many years."

In addition to his football coaching achievements, Clayton served as head basketball coach at Centenary in 1946-47 and baseball coach at Northwestern in 1967-68.

Following Northwestern's unbeaten 1966 football season, Clayton coached baseball at the school for two seasons, guiding the Demons to a 42-22-3 record. His 1967 team won the Gulf States Conference and was the first team in school history to participate in NCAA postseason competition, reaching the NCAA College Division Midwest Regional.

The 1967 baseball team produced Northwestern's first baseball All-American, third baseman Danny Bob Turner. Clayton coached five football All-Americans at NSU: Tolar, a halfback in 1958; Jerry Burton, a halfback in 1962; Sammy Joe Odom, a linebacker in 1962; Corwyn Aldredge, and end in 1964 and halfback Al Dodd, a two-time pick in 1965-66.

"Coach Clayton's most important legacy is the positive impact he had on countless thousands of lives," said Vice President for External Affairs Jerry Pierce, a student trainer and later sports information director alongside Clayton. "He was ahead of his time as a coach and his outstanding record reflects his innovative, progressive approach to athletics.

"But it was as an honorable, gentle, compassionate individual that he made his greatest mark on Northwestern and on the people who were fortunate enough to be associated with him," Pierce said. "His former players, coaches and teammates and other friends are remembering him today and smiling as they have so many times before when they reminisce about the warmth, wit, charm and grace that made Coach Clayton so unique."

Clayton's coaching career began in 1936 at Bossier High School following his graduation from NSU. He went to Vivian in 1942 and the next year began a four-year tour of duty in the U.S. Navy.

"Jack Clayton was the most fair individual I ever knew," said Tynes Hildebrand, former NSU athletic director. "He always saw to it that you had enough resources to succeed."

Editors note: This information was supplied by Sports Information

Spirit of competition, scarred by Rodman's actions

Just a Fan

Don Harper

I was having dinner with some friends last Monday night and I was telling them about the opportunity I had to write this column. We were discussing the sports issues of the last several days, and of course the Dennis Rodman incident came up.

I asked what they thought of some of my ideas for the name of the column and when I asked them about "In the Beginning" Jeffery West, a 10-year-old sitting to my left, said "That's a good one. In the beginning Dennis Rodman was ugly and in the end Dennis Rodman will still be ugly".

I found this statement intriguing. Here was one of our youth denouncing one of the figures that professional sports has placed before us as a gimmick to promote itself.

I thought all 10-year-old boys fell for these ploys. I was delighted to find that I was wrong being that we live in the day of "I'm not a role model" and "I dream of playing basketball naked." I am happy to report that some of our youth haven't jumped onto this bandwagon of hype. They are either smart enough to figure it out themselves or have some good raisin'.

I plan to use this column to give you some insight on what I believe about sports and competition. This won't be a jaunt into yesteryear, but it will be a no bones about it opinion of the way I believe sports ought to be. I want to get back to the basics-where it all began: When a team was a team, and a fan was a fan. When an autograph was free, and 'Mean' Joe Green would give you his jersey just for a drink of your Coke.

I am an avid fan of almost all sports, but I do have problems with things like taunting, celebration, leadership or lack thereof, integrity or the lack of it also, and the general attitude of the millionaire athlete. I have no qualms about Shaquille O'Neal's $120 million salary, but I do want him to realize that we, the FANS, are the ultimate reason he gets paid. The athlete who expends every ounce of energy he or she can muster to do his very best, whether finishing first or last, is a WINNER. The athlete who runs to the opponents bench to shake hands and congratulate them on a good game, after losing by 20 points, is a WINNER. This is what is missing in most of our primadonnas today.

It all began one day a long time ago in a field somewhere when Uka said to Sog "I can run faster than you." The simple yet addicting thrill of competition was born. It was no longer a time to compete for survival, but to test your fortitude, ability, stamina, strength, wit and most importantly your heart against an opponent and what's more against oneself.

Possibly the most important aspect of every sport is mental training. Of course every athlete, regardless of the sport, must train to attain physical strength and speed to compete and win at any level. Let us not throw aside the mental training required to outsmart one's opponent. The mind is not only a terrible thing to waste but also to underestimate. Today's athlete must do everything possible to know more than his opponent. This knowledge is not limited to the court, or the field, or the pool. This knowledge includes the classroom. I give to you Peyton Manning, the starting quarterback for the University of Tennessee for the past three years. He led the Vols in 1996 to an 8-2 record in the regular season and a Citrus Bowl victory. Peyton not only did this, but he also completed his degree in only three years with better than a 3.5 GPA. I know that everyone is not capable of this, but everyone is capable of doing his or her best.

Coaches are not left without blame for lack of mental training. I have seen too many post-game interviews with coaches who say "We were out-coached." They were using their lack of home work and mental training as an easy way to get to the locker room. This is unacceptable. Why not say, "I have let my players, my organization, and the fans down because I didn't do my job." The truth hurts. Any coach who expects their players to give all they've got must expect the same from themselves.

I leave you at the end my opening column with something I truly believe. If you are satisfied with yourself today, you will go no farther.

But if you have the desire to know more, experience more, and be more, then you will.

Intramural sports kick off spring semester

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

IM Sports is off to a new start this semester preparing for the intramural basketball season and many changing events.

This week is off to a great start with the Free-Throw/Hot Shot prelims followed by the finals Thursday.

The biggest event that will begin the semester will be special event basketball. The Basketball jamboree will be held Thursday and the entry deadline is Wednesday.

An IM Basketball captains meeting will be held Wednesday in room 114 of the IM building. Any team interested in playing should send someone to sign them up.

The basketball season will begin Monday which will be from 3 to 4:30p.m. Monday through Thursday. Qualifying games will be Monday through Wednesday and Thursday will be finals. To be eligible for finals, a team must qualify one of the three days prior to Thursday.

New this semester is a basketball league. Sign up will be Wednesday and it will be for both men and women 6 foot and under. This will be a late night tournament and will be held from 10 to mid-night.

Along with many other basketball events there will also be a one-on-one tournament held Feb. 25 and Feb. 26. There will also be a 3 on 3 tournament. Both of these events will be held at 3 p.m.

"We have another semester of new and exciting things coming up" Scott Bruscato, assistant IM director, said. "I hope to see the participation in basketball like we did in flag football."

Bruscato also added that although the beginning of the semester is focused on IM basketball, there will be other events to participate in. Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 4, there will be an IM Pool Tournament in the IM gameroom. It will be an 8-ball pool tournament and it will be a 6 p.m.

"We have had tremendous support in the past semester and I hope we build on that support to enhance this semester's games," Bruscato added. "We have done a lot to prepare for the IM Basketball season and we hope the students participate."

"If anyone is interested in participating in any IM activities and is not part of a team you may contact the IM staff at 357-5461 and they will assist you by placing you on a team," Bruscato said.

Demons get conference victory over University of Texas-Arlington, 58-53

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

Charles Duncan scored 18 points Saturday as the Northwestern free throw aim made a difference for the short-handed Demons in a 58-53 win over Texas Arlington.

The Demons had to play without starters Gerald Hollins and Kenta Alexander.

Hollins hurt his knee in the McNesse game last Saturday and Alexander was sidelined with the flu.

Northwestern snapped a three game losing streak and upped their record to 8-9 overall, 4-3 in the Southland Conference.

The winning Demons hit 10-13 from the line to hold off a late UTA charge. With twenty seconds in the game Northwestern only had a two point lead, but they got two free throws from Stephen Barnes and after UTA got one free throw in Seth LeGrand was fouled with eight seconds left in the game.

Legrand who had 9 points and 12 rebounds for the game then calmly made his two free throws to seal the Demon win.

Damien McQuarters in his first start of the year did a great job filling in for Kenta Alexander.

He finished with 10 points and 8 rebounds for the Demons who are now in a tie for third place in the Southland Conference race with Stephen F. Austin.

The Demons have a tough week ahead of them as they play three games this week. Head coach J.D. Barnett thinks that if his young team can get two wins this week it would put the Demons in a position to make a run at the Southland Conference title. There is a real possibility of this happening if Barnetts young troops do win two games this week because the Demons will then finish out the season with four of their last six conference games at home. Only time will tell however and we will have to wait until the end of the season to see what happens.

Lady Demons lose tough game to Lady Mavs, 76-68

Don Harper
Staff reporter

The Lady Demons took the floor at Prather Coliseum Saturday in a Southland Conference battle against the Lady Mavs of the University of Texas Arlington.

The Lady Demons went into Saturdays game with a 4 -9 overall record, and 1-4 in conference with with a conference win in their last game out over Nicholls State.

Freshman guard Judy Clark started a career high game with a three pointer to help the Lady Demons to a 9-0 lead early in the first half.

The strong defense and excellent rebounding held Lady Mavs scoreless until 16:49 when Stacie Terry put the Mavs first point on the board hitting 1 of 2 free throws.

The Lady Demon's lead was slowly reeled in after the Lady Mavs took a 20 second time-out to regroup. The Lady Mavs turned up the defensive pressure after the time-out and brought the Lady Demons within one at 19-18 at the 9:51 mark.

Coach Smith said "the Lady Mav's execute well defensively and we couldn't get a good shot." The strong pressure continued throughout the first half and the Lady Mavs led by the first buzzer by 11, 25-36.

At the half, the Lady Demons were shooting better than 50 percent despite the tight defense by the Lady Mavs. The difference in the first half turned out to be from the free-throw line. The Lady Demons were 2 for 5 from the line at 40 percent but the Lady Mavs put 10 of 14 in for 71 percent and 10 of their 36 points.

First half leaders for the Lady Demons were Judy Clark with 7 points and Nicole Lacy with 8 rebounds.

Clark started off the second half with a 3 point field goal from the wing. This was just the first of three, 3 point shots she drained in the second half.

The Lady Mavs held on to their double digit lead and had the Lady Demons down by 17 at the 14:42 mark, but the Lady Demons weren't done yet. Spurred by an eight minute shooting spree by Clark and Jennifer Graf the lead was cut to 2 at 60-62. Graf and Clark accounted for 18 of the 22 points scored in the comeback.

The Lady Demons managed to cut the lead to 1 with 2:56 left by some gutsy play by Amanda Cooper.

Cooper who hit from 15 feet and hit the first of a 1 and 1 scored three of her 8 second half points in the clutch.

The Lady Mavs held on and increased the lead to 8 and with Lacy and Woodard fouled out and Coach Smith deep in his bench as the final seconds ticked off the clock.

Smith said in his post game interview that "the girls played their hearts out." Amanda Cooper played 25 minutes with the flu. Clark played 37 minutes and Mia Cook played 39 minutes in the Lady Demons effort.

Track and Field team perform well at Razorback invitational

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

Northwestern's Demon and Lady Demon Track teams got off to a fine start as they opened up the indoor track and field season at the Arkansas Razorback Invitational.

The women's team was led by Niema Malone who led all competitors to win the women's long jump title with a leap of 18 feet 3/4 inches. Malone a senior from Saline, outdistanced her nearest competitor Dorenda Desland of Oral Roberts by a inch and quarter en route to the title.

Tabitha Johnigan also performed well for the Lady Demons winning the women's shot put with a toss of 41 feet 10 3/4 inches.

In other women's events sophomore distance runner Molly Magill placed second in the 3000 meters with a time of 10:27.64 and the Lady Demon 4x400 relay team finished third at the meet with a time of 3:59.64.

In the men's division, senior Terrence Bean started off what he hopes to be another All-American year in the high jump with a tie for third place, with a leap of 7 feet 1-3/4 inches.

Former Northwestern track and field athletes who were competing unattached in the meet also did well. Lamark Carter a former Northwestern long jumping All-American finished second in the long jump with a mark of 24 feet 5-1/2 inches. Mike Heimerman a former Northwestern shot-putter also did well winning the men's shot-putting title with a throw of 56 feet 10-3/4 inches.

The men's and women's track teams will continue their indoor season this weekend at the McNeese State Invitational in Lake Charles this weekend.

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Teaching loads cause questions and concern among faculty

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

Although the Board of Regent's no longer requires a 15-hour teaching load from faculty in the University of Louisiana System, NSU faculty began this semester with a reminder that their teaching load will remain at 15 hours.

According to Dr. Thomas Burns, acting vice president for academic affairs, the Board only requires that faculty work a minimum of 40 hours each week and the policies regarding teaching loads are established by each institution.

"Teaching loads are left to the discretion of individual universities," Burns said. "It (teaching load) might be heavier or lighter at other institutions."

"At Northwestern, a normal load is 15 hours," Dr. Susan White, Faculty Senate president, said. "At most of our sister institutions, Grambling, Louisiana Tech, Northeast, SLU, USL, McNeese and Nicholls, their typical load is closer to 12 hours. A 15-hour load is more typical of a junior college.



White

"Faculty at community colleges neither have upper level students to supervise, nor graduate students to supervise, they're not involved as much in research as we are, in grant writing as we are, in registration, advising - there are a myriad of university committees and college level committees.

"We feel a 12-hour load is a more typical load for a university," White said.

Deviation from the 15-hour load here at Northwestern is sometimes necessary, depending on individual responsibilities or accreditation society recommendations, Burns said.

Last week, the Division of Education said that the administration had violated their accreditation.

"I don't know if we actually did that," Burns said. "We are currently vigorously looking into that."

If it is found that programs would lose their accreditation while following the 15-hour load requirement, the University will comply with the accreditation society recommendations, Burns said.

Burns also said that except for the letter sent by the Division of Education, he has heard "absolutely nothing" concerning the required teaching load.



Burns

"I have had no other conversations," Burns said. "I have had no persons saying 'Yes, this is good,' but I haven't had anyone else saying 'This is bad.'"

In addition to the 15-hours of classroom time, faculty must also have 12 office hours each week, serve on committees, be academic advisers and prepare for their classes. And although faculty members must put in a 40-hour work week, most put in more than that.

"Nationwide, a typical faculty member works an average of 52 hours a week," White said. "The problem is that people hear a class load and think ' a 12 hour class load? What else is she doing?'"

White said that administrators and the public need to be educated as to how much time faculty actually spend preparing for their lectures, doing research and advising students.

"Anyone who is not teaching 15 hours, has been recommended by their department heads or division heads for a reduced number of hours," Burns said.

If any faculty member is found with a teaching load of less than 15 hours, Burns said nothing will be done now.

"What I do then is to go to the division head and many times it is impossible to make a correction because we are in such a tight time frame," Burns said. "But most department heads are very cooperative."

White suggests several ways that the administration and faculty may be able to improve communications and attitudes.

"The complaint that we would have is, don't send mandates down," White said. "Tell us the problem and let us work with you on the solution."

Internet invades Watson Library as new Internet lab opens

Tatum Lyles
News editor

The future of communications and research has hit Watson Library in the form of a faculty, staff and student accessible Internet lab.

According to Cate Cebrowski, reference and library instruction librarian, the new computer lab will be successful in giving students a more accessible way to work with the Internet and word processing software.

One of the most important aspects of the lab is its hours. Although most departmental labs keep regular University business hours, this new Internet lab opens when Watson opens and closes 30 minutes prior to the closing of the library.

The lab, which was opened at the beginning of October, was equipped with computers donated by the Academic Computing and Advisory Committee.

"We had been looking for the ways and means to make it happen," Cebrowski said.

At the present time, there is no printer or word processing software on the computers, but in the near future that may change. The Student Government Association plans to donate a printer and the software for Microsoft Office. The addition of this program to the Internet lab will enable students to complete research and papers in the Library.

As far as the computer failures often experienced in other labs, there have been relatively few problems.

"Nowadays, when one (computer) goes down it is a little bit of an emergency because it is so busy in there(library)," Cebrowski said.

For those who lack in the area of Internet experience, Cebrowski and other librarians teach Internet instruction courses that benefit students, faculty and staff. These courses last for one hour and provide instruction for all students.

"We start off with a little bit on the history of the Net and define Internet technology," Cebrowski said.

After the brief introduction, the instructor proceeds to explore the more technical issues such as using search engines to navigate the Internet and downloading onto disks.

"We talk about what you can do with the information once you find it," Cebrowski said.

As for Northwestern's position in the race towards technology, both Northwestern President Randall J. Webb and the staff of Watson Library emphasize its importance.

Our overall goal is "to improve instruction, services and communication through the use of technology," said Webb.

Several members of the library staff feel Northwestern is leading the race towards the computer age.

"We are definately keeping pace with neighboring Universities," Cebrowski said.

"We are most appreciative of the administration and the Academic Computing Advising Committe," said Dr. Ada Jarred, director of libraries.

"Not every academic campus library has this and we are delighted that we do."

Can I get your autograph, please?



Miss Louisiana, Nicole Viola from Hammond, will compete this week in the Miss USA pageant. The pageant will be held at Hirsch Memorial Coliseum in Shreveport. **Photo by Steve Evans**

Former NSU professor Bill Long acquitted in Texas trial

Bill Long and two other men were acquitted on federal mail fraud charges on Wednesday in Beaumont Texas.

The men were charged in connection with the sale of contraband tracking devices to police departments and school districts.

Long is a former Natchitoches resident and was an instructor at Northwestern State University.

Prosecutors at the trial claimed that the men sold about 1,000 devices that were described as capable of detecting drugs and weapons. The antenna on the box operated like a divining rod that pointed to contraband. Prosecutors said that the box was nothing more than glue and plastic.

According to the indictment, the men used the mail service to send ads about the device and received checks in payment through the mail.

The corporation that sold the devices, Quadro corp., had $800,000 in sales of the Quadro Tracker between September 1994 and January 1996.

The device reportedly matched contraband's molecular emissions to similar emissions inside a chip in the device. Law enforcement agencies, prisons and schools were the primary buyers of the product.

The federal indictment said it was a plastic shell with a retractable antenna attached to nothing inside and the chip was a piece of paper.

Although the men were acquitted, U.S. attorneys said a permanent injunction bars the device from being manufactured or sold.

Acquittal was believed to have come as a result that the federal attorneys could not prove the device didn't work.

1994 student loan default rates for institutions of higher learning in Louisiana

school	type	default rate
Northwestern State University	5 yr/public	12.9 percent
Northeast Louisiana University	5 yr/public	11.5 percent
McNeese State University	5 yr/public	11.1 percent
Southeastern Louisiana University	5 yr/public	9.8 percent
University of Southwestern Louisiana	5 yr/public	9.7 percent
Xavier University of Louisiana	4 yr/private	9.3 percent
Louisiana Tech University	5 yr/public	9.2 percent
University of New Orleans	5 yr/public	9.1 percent
Nicholls State University	5 yr/public	7.6 percent
Louisiana College	4 yr/private	5.1 percent

figures courtesy of State of Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assitance

University working to lower student loan default rate

Andrew Martin
Editor-in-Chief

Despite a two percent increase in the student loan default rate, University officials are continuing to work with students in order to keep the rate close to the national average.

"We are working with students in a couple of ways to reduce the default rate," Mike Fuller, associate director of financial aid, said.

The University is currently in compliance with federal guidelines put in place to help decrease the student loan default rate but is also going above and beyond those regulations in order to keep the University's rate as low as possible.

"We're trying to go a little bit further in order to help students," Fuller said.

The University holds interviews with first-time borrowers roughly one week after fee-payment in group counseling sessions intended to ensure that the borrowers are aware of all the conditions associated with taking out a student loan.

Graduating seniors also meet with bank and University financial aid officials approximately one month before graduation in order to explain things like interest rates, pay back options and to "make sure that all of their ducks are in a row," according to Fuller.

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> -Mike Fuller

In addition to the federally-mandated counseling sessions, the University has also adopted a policy in which letters are sent out to people who are delinquent on their loan payments.

USA Funds, the guarantee agency that handles 90 percent of the loans at NSU, sends out a list every quarter of the people who are 90 days late with their payments. The University sends out letters to people identified as being late.

"We just finished our mail-out for this past quarter," Fuller said.

Fuller said that the federal and University guidelines had played a major part in reducing NSU's student loan default rate from 13.3 percent in 1993 to its current rate of 12.9 percent.

The latest figures are higher than last year's 10.9 percent, but some of that my be attributed to a recent change in the way that the default rates are calculated, according to Fuller.

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Campus Briefs

Northwestern's Lady of the Bracelet pageant
Nine Northwestern students will compete in the Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet Pageant Thursday at 7 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Admission is free to Northwestern students, faculty and staff and $5 for the general public. The Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet Pageant is sponsored by the NSU Student Activities Board and is an official Miss America preliminary pageant. The winner will compete in the Miss Louisiana Pageant this June in Monroe.

News Bureau Homepage
Northwestern's News Bureau has established a home page on the World Wide Web. The site at http://alpha.nsula.edu/departments/news contains current Northwestern news releases along with an archive of releases dating back to November. The site can be accessed by anyone with an Internet connection. Other features include an explanation of the role of the News Bureau at NSU, facts about the University and a biography of Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb. The site will include a calendar of events, a guide to faculty experts and a tip sheet for area media.

Personal Finance Course to be offered
Northwestern's Division of Education will offer two courses on personal finance Thursday, Thursday. A three-session mini-course, "Financial Investment Principles" will begin Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The fee for the course is $20 plus a $10 off site fee. That same evening, a course called "Getting Back to Black" will be offered from 6:30 p.m.until 9:30 p.m. The fee for the course is $30. For more information on the courses or to sign up, contact Northwestern's Division of Continuing Education at 357-4570.

NSU student takes first place
Shawntell L. Lewis, a sophomore broadcasting journalism major, won first place in the Oratorical Contest at the Southwestern Black Leadership Conference, "Unity...The Spirit to Soar Beyond an Uncertain Future," held last month at Texas A&M University at College Station.

Distinguished lecturer
Coretta Scott King, the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and civil rights leader, will present a lecture at 10 a.m Feb. 26 in Prather Coliseum. Admission is free and open to the public.

"A Doll's House"
The NSU Theater spring season will begin next week with the opening of "A Doll's House." This Ingmar Bergman play will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 - 24 in Theatre West. For more information call 357-6891.

Gain Fine Arts 1040 credit while in London and Paris
NSU's office of International Programs is offering a 10-day study tour of London and Paris. The trip will begin on May 19 and end on May 29. The cultural tour allows students and non-students to experience the theatre, dance, music and art of these two cities and earn course credit in Fine Arts 1040 at NSU. The trip is open to non-NSU students For more information, contact Bill Brent at 357-4522 or Thomas Whitehead at 357-5213.

Is there an event you would like to include as a Campus Brief (event open for most people) or Campus Connection (club meeting, etc.)?

Contact the *Current Sauce* at 357-5456

Northwestern to spend 24 months upgrading software system

Catherine Gill
Staff reporter

How many of us are tired of the tedious and never-ending process of fee payment? Most faculty and students that's who. However, it should not be that way for long.

Northwestern is taking a step up on the technological ladder and changing their current software program, SIS, to that of a more complex and improved version, SIS PLUS.

This new program will allow the processes that go along with attending college.

Enhancements that are especially liked by many departments include Transfer Credit Articulation - which will tell the student if a certain class transfers or not, Prerequisite Checking in registration, which won't allow a student to take for example, English 1020 without first taking English 1010, and Voice and Web Registration; which will enable students to register via phone or Internet.

The Financial Aid process will also benefit in the change.

The software program will allow users to determine if a financial aid applicant is eligible or not, thus reducing the chances of students receiving aid if they are not eligible.

Loans will not have to be completed by hand, which is the current method.

"One of the things I especially like about the new system is that this new software gives us the chance to pre-bill students," Mike Fuller, assistant director of financial aid, said. "Because of this, the students will receive a list of the charges and anticipated financial aid so that when they come to fee payment the student will know exactly what they owe and how much they're getting back."

When will the students see the benefits of this new software program, SIS PLUS (Student Information Systems)? Not for another year.

The target date for the actual transfer of systems is Christmas of 1997. However, the training of key department heads is currently underway.

This week, consultants from SCT, Systems and Computer Technology Dallas, will be at Northwestern to train and give "homework assignments."

"Lots and lots of testing goes on to make sure that the information is correct and needed," Warren Massia, associate director of the Computer Center and Coordinator of the SIS PLUS change. "This is the job of the teams."

The job of the teams, which include: Student Records, Financial Aid, Billing/Receivables, Admissions, and Technical (Computer System), is to go over the program and verify that the information is correct. Due to this testing and re-testing, a year is not that long to wait for the extraordinary benefits that come with SIS PLUS.

What do fellow students and faculty say about the change? Only good things.

"The migration will require a commitment and dedication by all those concerned," Brenda Dailey of the Registrar's Office said. "In the long run, the technology provided by the new system will be beneficial to everyone."

Not only do the faculty approve, but also students.

"I think that anything that can make things simpler and faster is a good thing and I'm glad to see NSU catch up to the 90's," senior Lesa Thompsen said.

It is a good thing.

Department of Family and Consumer Science preparing for the Accreditation process

Philip Wise
Opinions editor

The time has come for the Family and Consumer Sciences Department to go through the stress of accreditation.

It is important that the Department be recognized as an accredited learning center. If the Department does not receive full accreditation there are two alternatives.

The first will grant the department provisional accreditation. Provisional accreditation will allow the Department to make changes the accrediting team sees as important and after the changes are made, the Department will be re-evaluated.

The second possibility is no accreditation at all. If this were to happen the Department would no longer exist.

In preparation for accreditation, the Department submitted a three-volume document to the accreditation team. The first volume contains answers to the various standards that are required by the team. The second volume is composed of numerous documents that describe the functions of the Department.

The last volume is made up of all the syllabi for all courses that are taught by the Department. The document involved many hours of hard work to ensure the success of the Department.

"It was a lot of hard work to get our document together," Dr. Pat Pearson, head of the Family and Consumer Sciences Department said. "We'll see what happens. I am cautiously optimistic."

The Department has been preparing over the last year for the accreditation team's arrival, in order to have everything as organized as possible. Although the paper work is completed there are many last minute cosmetic jobs still in progress.

"We feel confident about what we have done," Pearson expressed. "Our building is undergoing a lot of renovations right now to get ready for the site visit. We will be ready when they come."

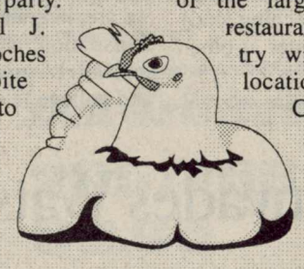
Carpenters are lowering the ceilings to accommodate for new lights, while electricians work around them installing the fixtures. There are painters working around the carpenters, electricians and each other to dress up the building's appearance.

The documentation was submitted to the accreditation team last September to be reviewed, but due to certain situations the document will be reviewed the first week in April. As April draws near, the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences anxiously awaits the final decision.

Chick-fil-A to hold grand opening today

The wait is over, Chick-fil-A will open its doors to Northwestern today during its grand opening.

A ribbon-cutting and "first bite" ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. as part of Aramark's annual Mardi Gras party. President Randall J. Webb and Natchitoches Mayor Joe Sampite will both be there to help officially open the restaurant.



The NSU Chick-fil-A will be open from 11:30 a.m to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday;11:30 a.m to 8 p.m. Friday and from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday.

Menu items will include the original and chargrilled chicken sandwiches, chargrilled chicken salads and Chick-fil-A Waffle Potato Fries.

Chick-fil-A Inc. is the nation's third-largest quick-service chicken chain and this opening marks the chain's 68th college restaurant. Chick-fil-A is also one of the largest, privately held restaurant chains in the country with more than 720 locations in 35 states, Canada and South Africa.

The company's sales reached nearly $570 million in 1996.

This new restaurant is part of a new overall strategy Chick-fil-A is trying to make its products more accessible to customers. In the campus market, the chain plans to open 30 restaurants nationally in 1997.

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Features

Stress: what causes it, how to cope with it and why do you get it

Suzanne Delaney
Staff reporter

Stress - what is it? You can find it defined in Webster's (after you blow the dust off the top) as pressure or strain.

We as students commonly refer to it as that lovely hair pulling, nail biting, gripe out everyone in sight sensation you get before tests, speeches, big events, holidays and last-but-not-least, FINALS!

What causes stress?

NSU health education instructor, Catherine McMillian says stress is brought on by a number of things including finances, internal or external personal conflicts, jobs, school and numerous responsibilities.

"Some stress is actually good," McMillian said. "We all need positive stress or eustress. That gives us enough drive to be productive.

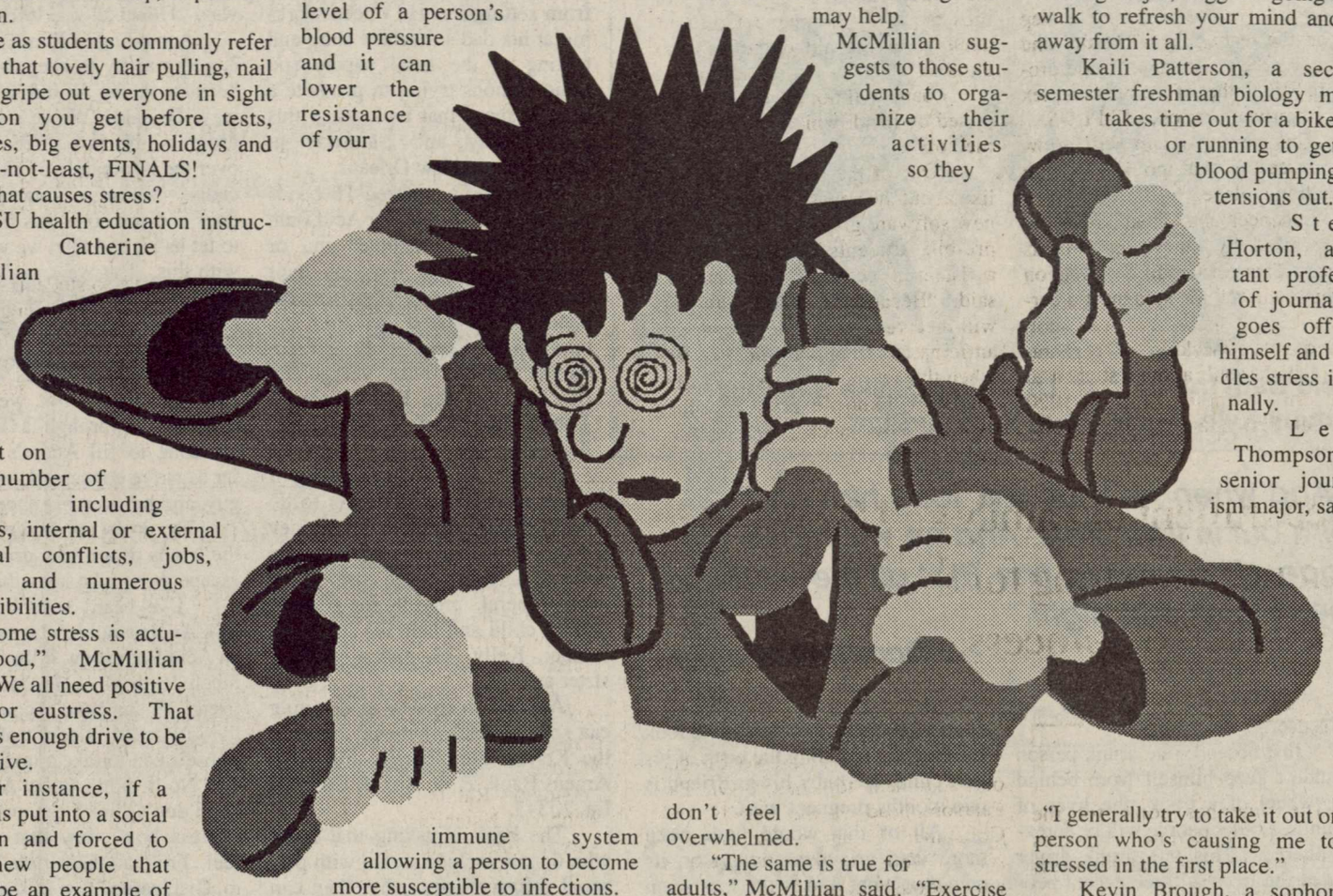
For instance, if a person is put into a social situation and forced to meet new people that would be an example of eustress."

McMillian advises those who worry a great deal to worry constructively.

"In other words, think about your problem in a way to create a plan to solve it."

The bad news about stress is that no one is exempt from it and it can cause certain disorders. For instance, stress can be linked to heart disease, ulcers and other gastrointestinal disorders (commonly mistaken for the dreaded cafeteria food syndrome).

It can also affect the level of a person's blood pressure and it can lower the resistance of your immune system allowing a person to become more susceptible to infections.



There is hope however, for those of us who seem to be majoring in stress. Stress is manageable and there are many ways to combat it besides leaving the campus forever.

The first step is to identify the stressors or those things that cause stress in your life (like fee payment or the three papers you have due tomorrow you found out about today.

Once you determine what they are, you can take steps to alleviate them. McMillian says for students, if the root of the problem is school related then time management may help.

McMillian suggests to those students to organize their activities so they don't feel overwhelmed.

"The same is true for adults," McMillian said. "Exercise also helps reduce stress and eases muscle tension.

Other practices may include participating in relaxation techniques like yoga or meditation. Also, a person can simply take time for themselves and make it a habit of concentrating on good thoughts."

The important thing to remember about stress is that what works for one person may not work for another. For instance, here are some ways various faculty and students manage stress.

Lou Ann Nelson, a freshman nursing major, suggests going for a walk to refresh your mind and get away from it all.

Kaili Patterson, a second-semester freshman biology major, takes time out for a bike ride or running to get her blood pumping and tensions out.

Steve Horton, assistant professor of journalism, goes off by himself and handles stress internally.

Lesa Thompson, a senior journalism major, says "I generally try to take it out on the person who's causing me to be stressed in the first place."

Kevin Brough, a sophomore business administration major, removes himself from a stressful situation.

Well, there is the rundown on stress. So remember the next time you feel like ripping someone's hair out, don't. Identify what is stressing you and try one of these techniques.

Campus Connections

Phi Mu Fraternity
On Feb. 16 we will hold a chapter development meeting at 6 p.m. The date has passed to pay early for State Day. The cost is now $20 and includes meals. Don't forget to turn in your Crush list as soon as possible. Study hall hours are the same this week: Monday and Wednesday 6 p.m. to 9p.m. Have a great Mardi Gras holiday!

Purple Jackets
Don't forget to bring your baked goods for the bake sale from 9 a.m to 1 p.m. Wednesday on the first floor of Kyser. Wear your purple jacket Wednesday too. Those who volunteered to work for the LOB pageant remember to be there at 6 p.m. Thursday. The next meeting will be held at 9:30 p.m. Feb. 18 on the third floor of the Student Union.

SAB elections
SAB will be holding elections for the positions of Representatives at Large and Residential Representative Feb. 17 at noon in room 221 of the Student Union. Interested applicants need to stop by room 214 of the Student Union and fill out an application. Application deadline in Feb. 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Future Educators
Northwestern Future Educators will meet Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. in 221 Student Union. If there are any questions call Elizabeth Shandersky at 357-6249.

Diamond Dolls
The Diamond Dolls are sponsoring their version of "Singled Out" to be held Feb. 19 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in The Alley. Tickets will be on sale Feb. 17, 18 and 19 in the Student Union.

The Current Sauce would like to wish all of this year's LOB contestants good luck Thursday.

The sisters of
Alpha Omicron Pi
would like to announce the first new member class of the
Kappa Chi Chapter
at Northwestern State University

Stacy Bailey
Christy Bernauer
Tonya Bolton
Sharlene Conway
Kimberly Goff
Kellie Hearne
Rinette Melton
Denise Murad
Nicole Oliver
Heather Weaver
Jasmine Kruger

We would also like to wish the best of luck to
Brandy Coburn
in this year's Lady of the Bracelet

In Memory of Acid Bath's Audie Pitre: 1970 - 1997

lesa thompson
Staff writer

When I was a kid, I thought the sun rose and set solely because a little boy named Joey Kirsch wanted it to.

We met in the waiting room of a hospital when we were both going to check in to have our tonsils removed. It ended up that my new-found- friend and I were going to be in the same room and it made us each feel better to know that the other was less than five feet away at any given time.

Needless to say, when I cried because I had to get a shot, it was Joey who called out from the other side of the curtain, "Don't cry, Lesa. It'll be alright, I promise."

And when we both woke up at the same time in the recovery room and Joey started crying, it was my turn to comfort him with those very same words.

That year, Joey and I ended up being in the same class together when school started, and we were inseparable.

Like I said, I thought the world revolved around him. He was a sweet and good-natured kid, and most importantly, he was my best friend and I loved him dearly.

Then one day not long after school let out, I heard my mom in the kitchen taking the telephone call that would devastate me and forever change what had up until that time been the course of my life. Death had decided to intervene and take my Joey away from me forever.

In a shooting accident that's too horrific to describe, my best friend's life was ended, and mine has never been the same.

And all this was due to an accident, something out of carelessness that should have never happened but did. One of those irreversible things that would have never happened if only someone had done the right thing.

This is the kind of event that, once it's over, leaves you feeling angry, miserable, deeply depressed and having far more questions than answers.

Anyway, what all of this is leading up to is this—Death has once again made a decision to end the life of a young man, and all due to a dreadful accident that should've and would've never happened in the first place, if only someone had decided to do the right thing.

On January 23 at 6 p.m., Audie Pitre, 26, bass player for Acid Bath, was killed in a car wreck on his way home from the mall with his family. Also in the car were both of Audie's parents, Kermit and Nora Pitre, both killed, and Audie's younger brother Kelly, who suffered moderate injuries.

According to an accident news release obtained from the La. State Troopers Office, the individual who caused the wreck is Adam J. Trahan, 39, of Golden Meadow.

Trahan was charged with driving on an expired license, driving left of center, three counts of vehicular homicide and 4th Offense D.W.I. (Driving While Intoxicated).

According to the Louisiana State Criminal Code, a 4th Offense D.W.I. carries with it a prison sentence of no less than 10 but no more than 30 years. Each count of vehicular homicide carries a fine with a minimum of $2,000 and a maximum of $15,000, and the individual convicted "shall be imprisoned with or without hard labor, not less than two years nor more than 15 years."

Which, in everyday language, means that if the judge so chooses, Trahan can be given up to a fine of $45,000 and a total prison sentence of up to 75 years. Too bad even the best case scenario doesn't seem much like justice to me.

At any rate, I was supposed to interview Acid Bath about two weeks ago in New Orleans at Tipitina's, but due to a personal crisis of my own, I wasn't able to make it to the show.

Now, all I can do is sit and think about the irony of it all. I'd told a friend that it wasn't that big of a deal, I'm in and out of Nola all the time and I could still drive home and get the interview before Mardi Gras. As it stands now, however, I could interview the members of Acid Bath right here and now, but it just wouldn't be the same. Audie Pitre would be missing from the picture.

So even though I missed the only opportunity I was ever going to have to meet Audie, I still feel like I've lost one of my own.

I think Tungsten's Al Hodge summed it up best when he said, "When you lose somebody in the community, the music scene, it affects everybody—the bands, the fans, whoever. It just sucks that it takes this kind of loss to bring everybody closer together."

I feel as though I've lost a friend just before I had the chance to meet him. A guy who made his mark on my life through his music has been taken away from me as a direct result of somebody else's lack of sense.

Just because one drunk person couldn't keep himself from behind the wheel of a truck, the lives of countless other people will be forever altered. This one drunk driver ended the lives of three decent people and ruined everybody's else's in the process. And it makes me mad to know that now what should have been will never be—and all because one person wouldn't do the right thing.

And, hey, just in case you're wondering, the guy who caused the wreck managed to stroll away with only moderate injuries.

Figures.

Audie died just when Acid Bath was right in the middle of getting some of the recognition they've worked so hard at earning for so many years and so well deserve. Acid Bath were the home-town boys in the process of making it big, and Audie Pitre was yanked out of the race mid-way to the finish line.

It's hard to put this thing into perspective. Audie wasn't some old geezer who'd lived out his life and was just about ready to die anyway. He was young, extremely talented and had everything in his life to look forward to, including the birth of his first child, the baby his girlfriend is two months pregnant with.

All of this would have been more than grievous enough on its own, but what makes the loss seem all the more unbearable is that everybody who had the pleasure of knowing Audie said he was the most down to earth guy they knew.

Keith Falgout, Acid Bath's manager, said, "I know it sounds like a cliche, but it's true. Audie was just a very quiet, very nice guy."

If anything could possibly make the rest of the guys in Acid Bath feel at least a little better, I hope it's the fact that they can take comfort in knowing that they're not alone in this.



Acid Bath from l to r: Dax Riggs, Mike Sanchez, Jimmy Kyle, Audie Pitre, Sammy Duet

"And when he shall die, take him and cut him out in little stars, And he will make the face of heaven so fine That all the world will be in love with night."

--William Shakespeare

Jeromy "Reverb" Boullion of Choke said, "All around, you couldn't ask for a nicer fellow than Audie. He was a great musician and song writer, and more than that, he was a great person. My thoughts and prayers are with the band. I can't even explain how sad this whole thing really is."

At this point, I think everyone is basically just trying to find his own way of dealing with things.

Jimmy Kyle, Acid Bath's drummer, has been trying to keep himself busy doing everything he can to keep the reality of Audie's death from setting in. He's been working at his dad's machine shop and talking to the local papers and radio stations trying to promote a benefit show that took place this past Friday and Saturday at Zeppelin's in New Orleans.

The benefit featured 16 bands who have all opened for Acid Bath at one time or another and or helped to support them on their road to success. Some of the bands who donated their time and talent are Eyehategod, Soilent Green, Choke, Abuse, Verago and Black Earth, the Black Sabbath Tribute side band of Floodgate's Kyle Thomas.

It seems like Audie had a lot of friends and they're all trying to do whatever they can to raise money for the fund that's been started in order to help defray the costs of the triple funeral, provide for Audie's unborn child and help his surviving brother, Kelly, 13, and a younger sister as well.

Anyone interested in donating can send a check or money order to the Kermit Pitre Family Fund c/o Argent Bank, P. O. Box 8, Cut Off, La. 70345.

The bank is asking that those who donate include a card with personal information so that they can keep a record of the people who have contributed.

In the meantime, Jimmy and the rest of Acid Bath are just trying to keep themselves together and get through this as best they can. Jimmy said, "Everybody's taking it in different ways. To me, I'm in a dream state and everything is surreal. Whenever we get things really back together, like when we go to our next practice, I think that's when it's really gonna set in. I mean, the band was together throughout this whole thing, we were really there for each other. Now, we're just kind of taking a break, trying to soak all of this in."

To Jimmy, losing Audie was like losing a brother. He said that the guys all became like family to one another over the past seven years since they've been together.

Obviously, the hardest part for Jimmy so far was having to get through the funeral. When he spoke of it, he told me, "I just stood there and looked at him for the longest time. He looked so peaceful. But the whole while, all I kept thinking was, ' How bad was it for you?'"

According to Jimmy, Acid Bath is going to try to keep things going because Audie would want it that way. He said, "We've made a lot of progress the last three years, but over the last couple of months especially. We were knocking on the door and someone was finally there to let us in, and then we were struck with this. But we know that Audie would have never said, ' Okay, I'm gone, you should all quit.' I think he's telling us now to go even further than what any of us would have ever dreamed. But we're gonna have to go through a lot to find someone to fill Audie's shoes—as far as we're concerned, he was a big guy, and he wore big shoes."

The irony of Audie's death at the hands of a drunk driver doesn't escape those who knew him.

I've heard several stories of how Audie wouldn't let people leave an Acid Bath show if they'd had too much to drink. He once drove a friend to someone's house so that the girl could "sleep it off," and he himself had to take a taxi home.

No, I didn't know Audie Pitre, and I don't think I can even begin to express how sorry that makes me feel. From all the people I've talked to, I've learned that it is, indeed, my loss.

All I can hope to do now is tell the guys in Acid Bath that I know how hard it is to lose a friend. We may eventually learn to live with their deaths, but we never completely get rid of the hurt. In time it may go from a sharp pain to a dull ache, but it's always there. The next time I read fairy tales on Joey Kirsch's grave, I'm gonna play him some Acid Bath. I think it's the very least I can do for my friends—the one I knew, and the one I didn't.

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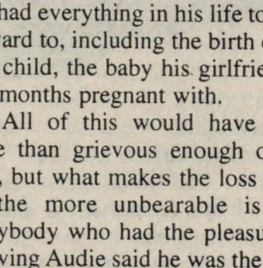
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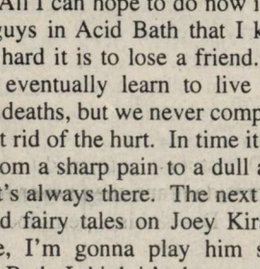
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Where students really do come first

Do students come first at other universities?

Many students of Northwestern assume that most universities have open door policies. Well guess what? Those of us that have been under that impression have definitely been mislead.

After thinking about this situation we decided to call and inquire if we could stop by and visit some of the administration of other major universities in north Louisiana.

We contacted a very friendly secretary of the President at one of these universities and she informed us in the nicest way possible, that the president certainly did not see students who just stopped by, not saying that this is not a normal policy of Presidents of major universities maybe this university really does put students first.

"Does this open door benefit extend beyond Northwestern's President's Office?"

When students of other universities hear that we can just stop by the President's Office and actually talk to him, they are astonished. One student informed us that they tried for three months to see the president and they never had any luck in accomplishing this task.

Does this open door benefit extend beyond Northwestern's President's Office? It most certainly does.

We also tried to speak with the director of financial aid at four other major universities. Were we successful? Of course not.

Here, the majority of the time you can walk in room 109 Roy Hall and can either see the director of financial aid, the assistant director or the associate director, and you can always speak to a financial aid counselor.

When asked if the director of financial aid ever saw students without an appointment all we received was an innocent laugh. Then, when we made the mistake of asking whether the director ever worked the front desk to deal with students on a continual basis, we received a not -so- innocent -chuckle. We have the opposite here, but is this the norm? A financial aid director who sees students without appointment or works the front desk to deal with students face-to-face on a daily basis; other universities - no, Northwestern - yes.

We are not only fortunate in these two areas, we also found out that we are also fortunate when it comes to the registrar's office. It was virtually impossible to see anyone at the other universities without an appointment, but not at Northwestern.

Being more than a number continues to help recruit both non-traditional and traditional students to Northwestern.

When called during fee payment, three of four other universities would not let a student in on a promissory note. Here all you have to have is some paper work in to sign a promissory note and receive a bookstore voucher to purchase books so the student doesn't have to empty their own pocket.

So before we automatically think that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, perhaps we should thoroughly check out the other side of this fence.

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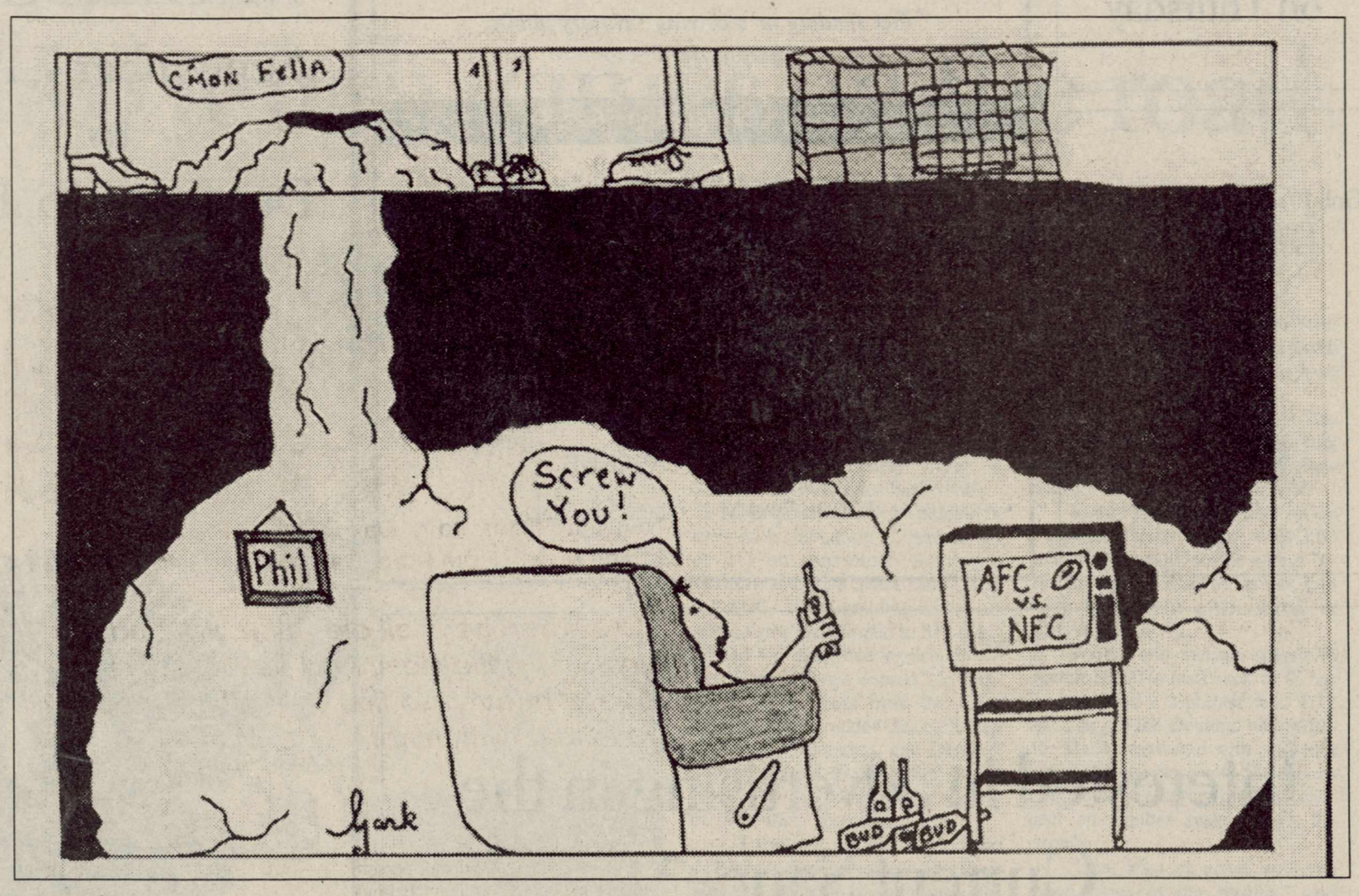
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Generation "X" get's annoyed by the upcoming generation "O"

The Gospel of Jeff

Jeff Burkett

For some reason or another, our generation has been labeled "Generation X".

`No one knows how we became the X'ers, or who even officially gave us the label. Because of this single little letter, we are target by marketing firms, we have useless products shoved down our throats and are called slackers and/or useless by the "baby boomer" generation.

Well now it is time for another label to be given. But this time they will to be labeled by Pepsi or even Taco Bell, the next generation will be labeled by ME!

The new generation, consisting of youngsters age 5 to 17 is henceforth to be called "Generation O'Punks".

Why "O'Punks" you ask? Because that is all that they are, nothing but a bunch of mouthy little disrespecting, mommy-my-tummy-hurts, spoiled, cry baby, buy-me-the-pink-power-ranger punks!

I got this attitude (what, Jeff has an attitude?) this past weekend at the grand re-premiere of Star Wars, a movie epic from my childhood.

I wanted to see the splendor of my early film watching days in a nice clean setting with tremendous sound to boot, so I went to Shreveport.

As I looked for a seat, I began to scout for a location where not many would dare to follow and surround me. Naturally I picked the wrong spot.

Soon I was surrounded by youngsters who had nothing more on their mind than going home after the movie and comparing the story line of the film to their Nintendo type Star Wars game.

As the movie began, the duo in front of me began talking in their high pitched voices so loud, it drowned out R2D2 joyous squeaks and squeals.

Quietly and calmly I reached forward, after several shushings, and hit the back of the violators seats to let them know that someone bigger than them was behind them getting pissed.

Upon feeling the initial shock, they quickly hushed their chatter. And if that weren't enough, the two rug-rats behind me began to dine on an entire seven-course meal that must have been completely wrapped in foil and plastic.

They scrunched, wadded and shredded every wrapper directly behind my already steaming head. I just about had it. I was ready to fill up some milk cartons with missing children pictures!

Finally, after several mean glances and a few choice words, I was able to enjoy the movie, for about five minutes, then it all started again.

I managed to block out the disturbances in front and behind me for the rest of the movie with the loud blasts from the X-wing fighters, and hellacious growls from Chewbacca. At the end, when the Death Star exploded, I imagined in my mind that these noisy little cockroaches sitting around me were inside of the space station when it went BOOM!

I survived, and so had the little buggers who did not care about the marvelous work that had just graced the silver screen in front of them.

As I headed out of the theater, nature signaled a pit stop before leaving the cinema. And yes, once again the mangy little rodents were there with me, following me into the john, with no regard of my fully capacitated bladder. But patients saved the day, and so did a quick knee into one of the little rascles' side.

After the whole episode ended I remembered how people say they will never grow up to be like their parents. Parents huh? With the abundance of little snot nosed buggers out there right now...sign me up for a vasectomy!

RA disagrees with method of dorm resident complaint.

Dear Mr. Ellis,

I am a second semester R.A. at Rapides Hall. I know exactly how you feel about the situation here.

In fact, I came from Boozman Hall to take the job here. The problem is that while you made your feelings known, you picked the wrong way to do it.

As for your statement, "I honestly wish I knew where the R.A.s were when all of this is going on," all I can say is that while we bust our butts trying to keep the peace, we also have classes, school functions and friends too.

I'm not making an excuse for the R.A.s that stay out all of the time, but there are other R.A.s in the dorm who are more than willing to help you out in your time of need.

You just have to keep in mind that we are humans too and can only do so much.

That brings me to the purpose of this response besides the question posed by you. R.A.s do everything they can to prevent the ungodly things you stated from happening, but we can't do it alone.

What am I saying? I am saying that it is time for the residents who are tired of this crap to get up and take a stand with the R.A.s.

If you see someone rolling the bathroom or something, get a description of the guy and get one of us.

If residents can help us pinpoint the incident more accurately and more timely, we can actually put a stop to all of this crap.

Another way to help is to find out about joining your dorm council. We have one at Rapides that is in the works for the semester. If you or anyone else you know is interested, contact one of us or the House Director.

Now I address the other residents. I know exactly what all of you are thinking. "What's in it for us if we snitch on these guys?"

First off, for those who don't know, for every fire extinguisher sprayed, every door broken, or any other damage occurred, the residents of the floor that the incident took place on get charged for the repairs. That's right, the WHOLE floor.

Therefore, if you saw what happened and you tell an R.A., and the R.A. catches the guy, you and the other residents save some cash. Get the picture? Good.

So I say to all the residents of Rapides, take out your earplugs, take off your boots, keep your eyes open and your phone handy, because if everyone helps out, this semester might turn out to be a clean, quiet ride.

Rick Morgan

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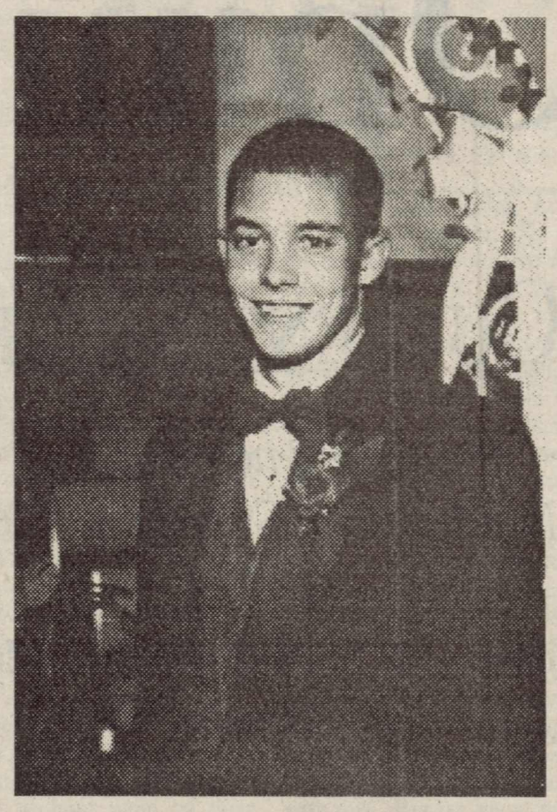
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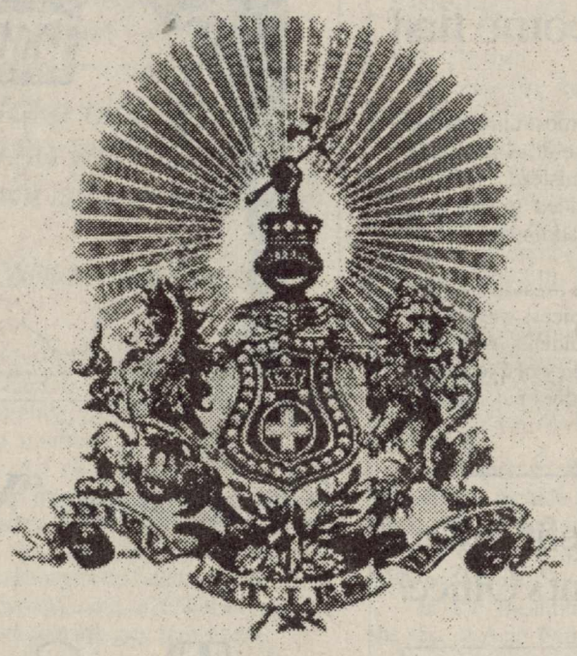
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Sports

Demons lose two tough games on the road

Lady Demons fall to Southwest Texas and University of Texas after defeating Northeast last Monday night, 76-67

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

After a 76-67 victory over Northeast Louisiana, the Lady Demons fell to both Southwest Texas and University of Texas at San Antonio last week.

Sophomore Sonya Bearden scored 18 points, 16 in the second half, to lead the Lady Demons to a victory over Northeast in Southland Conference women's basketball action last Monday night in Prather Coliseum.

Junior Amanda Cooper had 14 points, while Judy Clark and Nicole Lacy added 16 and 12 respectively.

> "Our defense was horrible and we did not execute offensively. We just played poorly." Coach James Smith

The Lady Indians were able to cut the Northwestern lead to six but could get no closer as the lady Demons were able to fend off Northeast from the free throw line making 5-of-9 to close out the game.

Fresh off of a victory, the Lady Demons took on the Bobcats of Southwest Texas last Thursday in San Marcos.

Tasha Gordon and Jerri Cooper of Southwest Texas combined for 38 points and eight rebounds to lead the Bobcats over the Lady Demons 77-53 in Southland Conference women's basketball action.

The 24-point victory matched the margin of the Bobcats which was the first win over the Lady Demons when they rolled to an 82-58 victory in Prather Coliseum back in January.

The Lady Demons were led by freshman Judy Clark with 15 points and Jennifer Graf who added 10.

The Lady Demons led only once in the game at the 18:53 mark of the first half as Louise Chase opened the scoring on 1-of-2 free throws to take a 1-0 advantage.

"The end of the first half really hurt us," Lady Demon head coach, James Smith said. "We played well early on with the run we had in the middle of the first half, but just could not retain the intensity to get the advantage."

The Lady Demons floundered the remainder of the half converting only 8-of-26 field goals for 30.8 percent. Northwestern shot only 35.1 percent for the game compared to 44.4 percent for the Bobcats.

The Lady Demons continued their road trip as they headed to San Antonio to take on the University of Texas-San Antonio on Saturday.

San Antonio's Angel Singleton poured in a career-high 36 points and grabbed 13 boards to lead the Roadrunners over the Lady Demons 74-64.

Singleton, one of only two Roadrunners to score in double digits, got her flashy total on 10-of-15 shooting from the field and 16-of-19 from the charity stripe.

Northwestern was led by sophomore Louise Chase with 15 points, 11 in the second half, and freshman Judy Clark with 13, all in the second half.

Smith was dismayed by his team's performance.

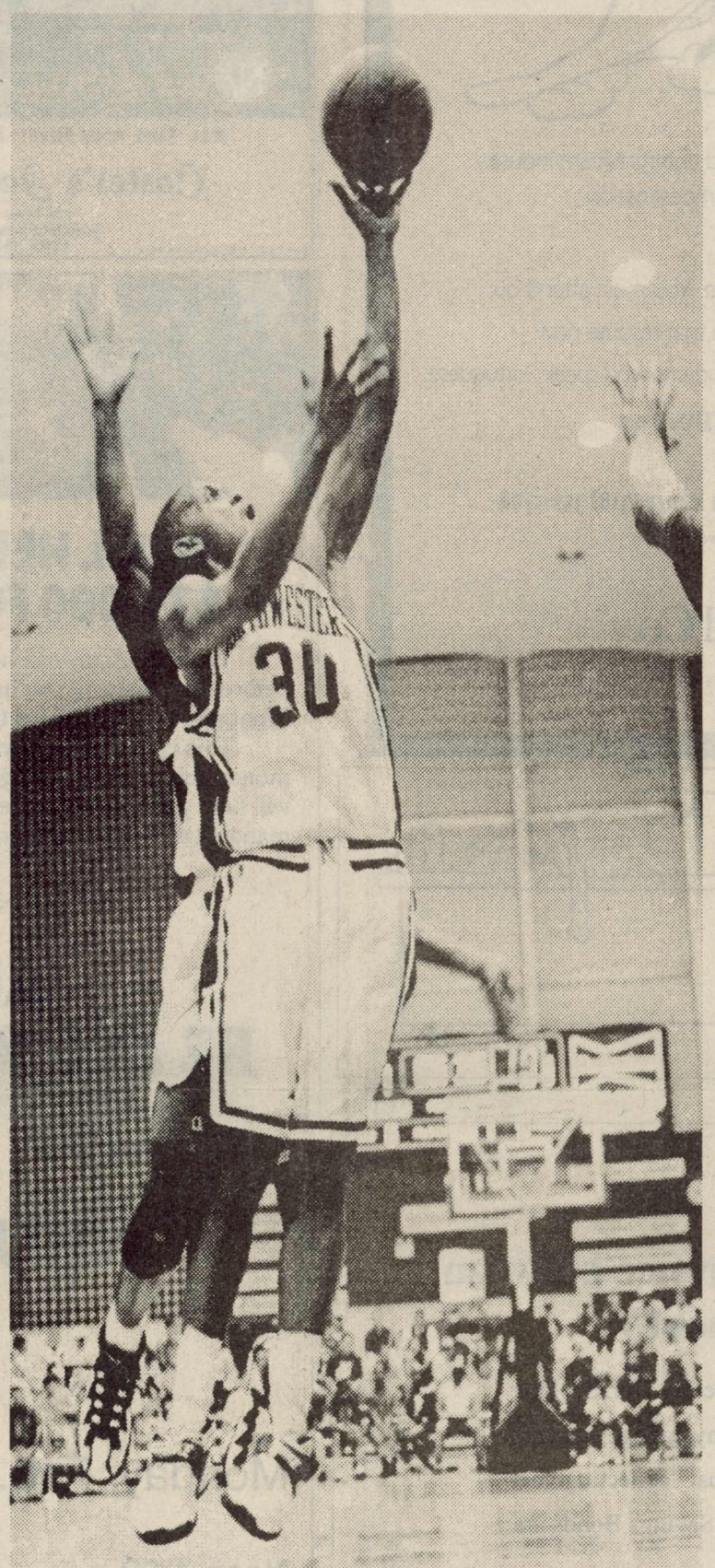
"Our defense was horrible and we did not execute offensively," Smith said. "We just played poorly."

The Lady Demons shot 43.3 percent while the Roadrunners shot 47.9 percent.

The intense difference in the game came from the free throw line as UTSA had 35 attempts for 77.1 percent compared to Northwestern for 55 percent.

The Lady Demons were held scoreless for the first four minutes of the game until junior transfer, Mia Cook, hit a jumper from the left wing. Cook got Northwestern to six points at the 14:43 mark with a six-footer in the lane but it would be the closest the Lady Demons would get the rest of the way as UTSA steadily pulled away to take a 33-23 half-time lead.

Northwestern picked up the pace with two minutes remaining but the Roadrunners lead proved overwhelmingly as the Lady Demons could close the gap to only 10 on Jennifer Graf's last second lay-up to close the scoring.



Charles Duncan, junior guard, goes for a basket at the game last Monday against Northeast.

photo by Eric Dutile

Demons drop two on the road

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

League-leading Southwest Texas sizzled from the perimeter, getting 66 points from its three guards, and held off Northwestern State 87-77 Thursday night in Southland Conference basketball.

The Bobcats sank 55 percent of their shots, including 52 percent (11 of 21) on 3-pointers. Southwest Texas rose to 11-8 overall and 7-2 in the SLC. Northwestern, losing its second straight, slipped to 811 overall and 4-5 in the conference.

Donte Mathis scored 25, sinking 9 of 13 shots from the field. Rodney Walton added 22, including 4 of 7 on 3-pointers, and Dameon Sansom scored 19, including 3 of 4 on 3s. The trio combined to make 9 of 14 of their 3point tries.

"I thought we did a good job defending them, I really did. Their kids just hit some tremendous shots and my hat is off to them," said Northwestern coach J.D. Barnett. "But I am extremely proud of the effort our guys gave and the determination they showed.

"They played with guts and did everything they could to win. They came from 18 down and never folded. We forced Southwest Texas to play very well to win," said Barnett.

Freshman walk-on Marche' Beard led Northwestern with a career-high 16 points. Ryan Bundy scored 14, Charles Duncan 13 and the Demons got 11 apiece from Seth LeGrand and Stephen Barnes.

Northwestern trailed 35-27 at halftime, fell behind 57-39 with 12:17 left but scrambled back, twice drawing within 5 points in the final 3 minutes.

'We got very good play at the point guard slot. Ryan played his best game of the season and Marche' showed us a new dimension," said Barnett. "They had a lot to do with our comeback."

Bundy and Beard combined for 17 points as the Demons clawed back from 18 down to a 5-point deficit,
77-72, with 2:44 remaining, The Demons first cut the margin under 10 points with 4:15 remaining when Beard sank two free throws.

Bundy's steal and assist set up a 3-pointer from Duncan with 3:05 left, bringing the Demons within 76-70. Bundy hit a lay-up at the 2:44 mark but missed a free throw as NSU trailed 77-72.

Walton and Sansom scored to stretch SOOT's lead back to 9, but Beard drilled a 3-pointer with 1:12 left that got the Demons within 81-75. Mathis answered with a 12 foot jumper off the glass with 52 seconds to go and the Demons couldn't connect on another basket down the stretch.

"That kind of effort will win most nights in our league," said Barnett. "We played a solid team that bent but didn't break under the pressure we put on them."

On Saturday the Demons played UTSA and they just basically ran out of gas as they lost 89-64. Seth LeGrand led the Demons with 15 points and 12 rebounds as they had a hard time trying to find the basket shooting just 36 percent from the field in the game. Dameon McQuarters also chipped in 10 paints and 10 rebounds for the Demons, who dropped to 8-12 overall and 4-6 in the conference. The loss drops Northwestern into a tie for sixth place in the Southland Conference.

The Demons rebound and try to end this losing streak on Thursday of this week. The Demons will face Sam Houston State at 7 p.m. and then on Saturday at 2 p.m. against Stephen F. Austin.

Baseball team looking forward to future season

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Northwestern State baseball team will begin with a lot of new faces when they play their first game on Saturday in Shreveport against Centenary. The Southland Conference will again be tough with at least four teams having a legitimate shot at winning the conference tournament title and the automatic bid that goes with this title to the NCAA regionals in May.

The Demons will more than likely be battling Northeast f o r the Louisiana Division title. In the overall conference race Northwestern will face stiff competition to win back the conference title that they have won four times over the past seven years. Along with Northeast there are three other teams in the conference Southwest Texas, UTSA, and defending conference champion Sam Houston State that will battle it out with the Demons for the title.

Leadership will play a key role this year especially in the pitching rotation. Demon baseball coach Dave Van Horn said that "we have five or six guys that can step up and be in our weekend rotation which is a good problem to have." With Tom Sullivan, Rick Metcalfe, and David Balcer all returning from last years team the pitching staff looks to be in good shape as the season begins. With the addition however of three junior college players, in Brian Lawrence who had a excellent fall season throwing nothing but strikes and Chris Brown and Allen Davis, the Demons seem to have the potential to have one of the most overpowering pitching rotations in the Southland Conference.

With all these hard throwing fireballers that the Demons have they will need to have someone dependable behind the plate to catch them. It seems that the catching job will be handled by JC transfer Ryan Appleton. He brings much needed experience to that position as the Demons lose their two regular catchers from last years team Juan Navarro and Beau Barker. Scott Ray a true freshman will back up Appleton behind the plate. According to Van Horn the Demons strength this year will be in their infield with what he calls "one of the best he has ever worked with." The core of the infield remains with three starters returning. Fred Ortega who played at third base last year will slide over to first base for his senior season. At second will be one of the Demon captains Robert Hewes who is a excellent all-around player who hit over .300 last year. Hewes is expected to be one of the premier players in the conference this year at second base. Tony Pezely, who is another returning starter will play at shortstop, after a impressive 96 season which saw him commit only 11 errors. Newcomer Brent Fenster should earn the nod at third base. Fenster a JC transfer from Seward JC is a very versatile player and he could also see playing time backing up Pezely at short and Hewes at second if necessary. According to Van Horn "with the talent level of those four infielders along with freshman Josh Hoffpauir backing Fenster at third, we expect great things from our infield this season."

The Demons will play their first home game on Sunday against Arkansas- Little Rock at 1:00p.m.

Big difference between Reggie Miller and Reggie White

Just a Fan

Don Harper

The end of football season has come upon us and now football fans all over the world are saddened. Men, you can now relinquish command of your remote and call you rlocal cable or satellite provider and have them cancel the football package you saved for last summer.

The end of football season every year brings to us a time of mourning and sorrow. Now we have to look for violence in the Knicks and Pacers. I'm sorry but there is a big difference between Reggie Miller and Reggie White. Edgar Bennett would run over Miller like a truck over an opossum. I do think Miller could tackle better than Dion though.

Shall we look at the preseason picks for the Super Bowl? O.K., I admit that I didn't pick the Patriots. My preseason picks were the Packers and the Steelers. I think I can safely bet that the only Patriot picks centered around Foxborough, Mass.

Who would have thought that the two youngest teams in the league would both play in their respective conference championship games. WOW! These teams are only two years old and have already bettered the performance of the last two expansion teams, Tampa Bay and Seattle, who have never been in their conference championship in the two decades they have been in existence.

We can give credit to many factors in this achievement: free agency, salary cap, expansion draft, and who knows what else. The real credit goes to the coaches and players. These are the same players that Tampa and Seattle could have picked. These are the same coaches who coached as assistants in other organizations. Don Capers, who coached under Bill Cower as the offensive coordinator of the Steelers, has now in two years used his skills and lessons learned to lead his team to the top of the NFL. Kudos to the expansion teams for a job well done.

As I look back on this season I dare go all the way back to Super Bowl XXX. Shall we look at the Super Bowl MVPs of the last two seasons. Who would have picked Larry Brown who was not even starting for the Cowboys as this season came to a close? He was the MVP of Super Bowl XXX with two interceptions against the Steelers that tore my heart out. Let's go one step further, from a defensive back to the fourth or fifth receiver and kick returner. This guy was not even in the starting line-up. You would have been the laughing stock of sports if you would have picked these two in pregame. With a two year league MVP playing against one of the premier offenses in the league who is picking Desmond Howard as the MVP. Let's all be thankful that he didn't strike a pose in the end zone.

These are just some things I found somewhat peculiar about the 1996 National Football League season. I will leave you this week just one more. The media has been dumping on you that the Lombardi trophy is finally getting to go home. I have two opinions on this so please humor me for just a minute. Yes, the Lombardi trophy is going back to the team whose former coach is the namesake. This is grand in my eyes because the city of Green Bay epitomizes football. A city of 90,000 with the citizens as the owners has won it all. No lawsuits with the league, Jerry Jones, no out of this world signing bonuses, Jerry Jones, and without being an obnoxious arrogant, too good for you aristocrat, Jerry Jones. In the opinion of a true fan, WAY TO GO GREEN BAY!!!

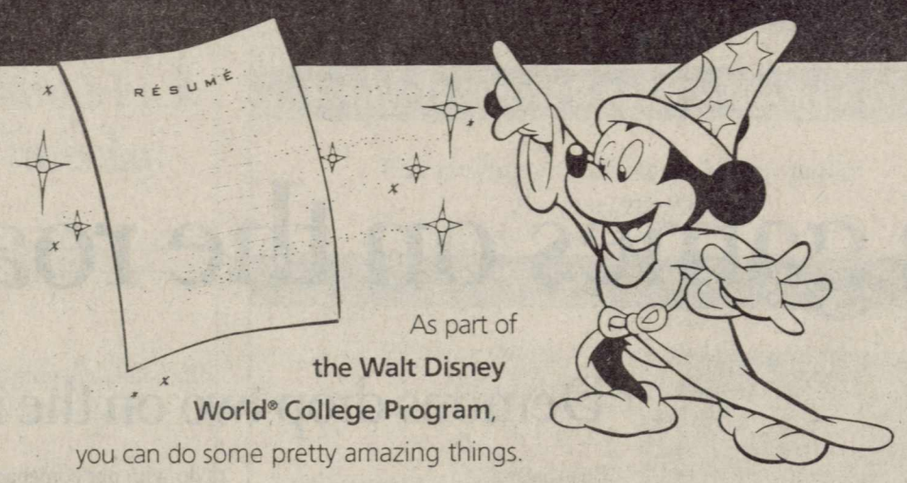
If you think somewhat more objectively about the trophy going home you realize that home for the Lombardi trophy is with the team who earned it. If the trophy was named the Shula Trophy it would be going home with the Packers too. Just a thought to ponder.

If you would like to hear my views on a sports issue or if you have comments on my opinions I would like to hear them. Just send your e-mail to "Just A Fan" nshar0968@alpha.nsula.edu. I relish the thought of taking sides on an issue with just about anybody.

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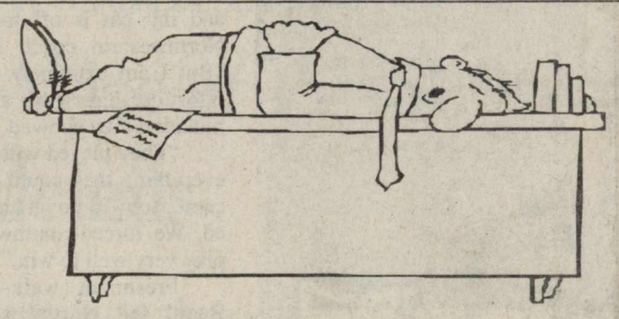


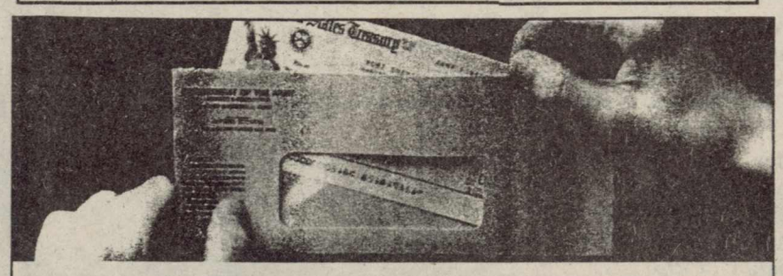
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Wednesday, Feb. 12

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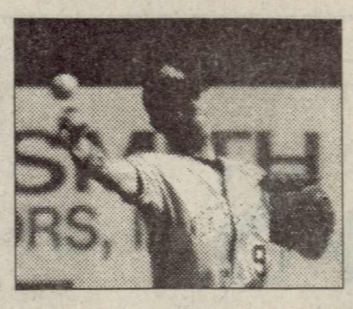
Noon-1:00 p.m.	NASA TV
3:00-3:30 p.m.	NSU 22 News
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Lady of the Bracelet Highlights
6:30-7:00 p.m.	NSU 22 News replay

Friday, Feb. 14

9:00-10:00 a.m.	Business Law class with Dr. John Williams
Noon-1:00 p.m.	NASA TV
3:00-3:30 p.m.	NSU 22 News
6:30-7:00 p.m.	News replay



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Demon baseball comes home from Texas victorious, see page 6 for details

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Northwestern students voice opinions on Ebonics

Nakia Bodley
Staff reporter

Recently, the media has been filled with several controversial debates on Ebonics.

The study of Ebonics which is designed to help teachers understand speech patterns of inner city children, has received flack from several minorities.

The concept of Ebonics, which originated in the Oakland, Calif., school district recognizes that inner city children speak street slang as the norm. The information teachers learn will help them, help the children learn to speak standard English.

Several minorities, however, feel this program has no validity and that it is an unnecessary process for teachers to undergo.

"Young inner city kids watch television everyday, they read books and they go to the movies, therefore, they listen to standard English everyday," Xanthia Calahan, an NSU student said. "They have to interpret and understand it. I see no purpose of even acknowledging Ebonics in such a way that teachers have to get training to learn this language."

Several other people agree with Calahan's view and feel that it insults the intelligence of African-American children.

"I hate the whole idea that these educated black people have decided that the reason why these kids can't speak correct English is because they can't relate to it and that it's foreign," Marques Richards, a junior said.

Calahan explained that much of the problem with improper speech is a direct result of loose restraints put on these children's speaking habits. She added that Ebonics will only erode their language skills.

"If you give them an excuse to speak with a lax tongue they will go through society thinking that it is acceptable and it's not," she stated. "You can't make it professionally by speaking like that."

Many non-minorities, however, don't feel the program is hindering inner city children but realize that the program could be offensive to some.

"If it's going to help them [children] they should go for it," sophomore Gylles Landry said. "If not, they shouldn't do it because it might confuse the children. I don't find the concept offensive but other people probably would."

One of the main controversial aspects of this issue is that the Oakland school board is considering Ebonics a second language and may try seek federal bilingual money. Students feel that this idea is absurd and may cause uneasy feelings between races.

"There is probably a lot of controversy about this issue because of the racial differences," Allison Fulop, a sophomore stated. "People might think that black children are going to be receiving special favors because of the way they speak."

Debate on this issue will continue for several months. Many people feel that the long-term effects of Ebonics is what everyone should be concentrating on.

"I have the distinct feeling that this is going to be yet another way for African-Americans to be pigeon holed," Richards said. "Can't you just see 10 years from now that those kids who go to take the SAT and get the wrong answers because someone told them 'He be running' is correct grammar? They might possibly have to take an English-as-a-second-language exam."

Farrah Reyna named winner of 1997 Lady of the Bracelet Pageant; 41st student to hold title



The third time was definitely the charm for NSU journalism major Farrah Reyna who captured the title of Miss Northwestern - Lady of the Bracelet Feb. 6 and will represent the school at the Miss Louisiana Pageant in June.

Reyna won the talent and evening gown competition and won the People's Choice Award which was voted on by the pageant's audience. Reyna is the 41st Northwestern student to hold the title of Miss Northwestern - Lady of the Bracelet.

Shelly Colvin was first runner-up; Heather Ragsdale was second runner-up, third runner-up was Rose Triggs and fourth runner-up was Paige Campbell.

Colvin won the swimsuit competition and Aimee' Lasseigne was voted Miss Congeniality.

Along with her title, Reyna received approximately $5,000 in cash and prizes.

Her pageant platform is to develop a program to combat juvenile delinquency.

Jennifer Fox, 1996 Lady of the Bracelet, was pleased with this year's pageant.

"I think it went really well," Fox said. "I think people enjoyed the theme this year. It had a lot of entertaining celebrities and people."

Fox enjoyed her reign as Miss LOB, and used the title to entertain at the Shriner's Hospital, the Red River Rally and volunteered to help with art and music at the Boys and Girls Club.

Other contestants in this year's pageant were Kimberly Baird, Brandy Coburn, Shelly Colvin and Lois Davis.

Hatley named acting dean of College of Liberal Arts

Catherine Gill
Staff writer

Dr. Donald Hatley, professor of English and director of the Folk Life Center, has been appointed acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

This college serves more than 2,600 majors and consists of six major departments as well as 65 percent of core curriculum.

It is the largest of the six academic colleges and is composed of the departments of Social Sciences, Creative and Performing Arts, Journalism, Psychology, Language and Communication, and consists of both the associate and bachelor degrees in General Studies.



Hatley

The position has only recently been formed. Approximately 10 years ago, Dr. Robert Alost, past NSU president, eliminated the dean structure and replaced the traditional university structure with directors. The traditional university structure consists of faculty, department heads, deans of colleges, vice president of academic affairs, and finally, president.

However, Dr. Randall J. Webb, current president of NSU, has simply reinstituted the correct name for the position of director, which is Dean.

"The important thing for students to understand is that up until the reinstitution of this traditional academic university structure, the dean of graduate school was the dean of instruction, which meant that when students had a problem that needed resolution over the department head's level, they would seek the help of the dean of instruction," Hatley said.

Problems that would need the advice of the department head would be requesting applications for graduation, conducting the grade appeal process, and changing one's major.

All of these student needs were serviced by one office, the dean of instruction. Now, the office of Dean of Instruction has been broken down and student's needs will be handled by several deans.

Hatley's name, as well as five others selected to be the academic deans of the other colleges, have been proposed to the Board of Trustees.

On Feb. 28, there will be a meeting in Lafayette for the management board to take the final action in approving the University's submission of the six individuals as acting deans of their colleges.

Hatley is one of these individuals. The change of the title from acting dean to official dean, will occur near the end of June and will become official at the first of July.

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Campus crime rate equals that of most other colleges despite student concerns

Nakia Bodley
Staff reporter

In recent semesters, on campus crime has increasingly become a main concern of NSU students.

The University has experienced a rash of automobile thefts vandalism and burglaries. Many students are beginning to worry about their safety in an environment they once considered to be relatively non-threatening.

University officials, however, don't feel that crime is a major issue on NSU's campus. They argue that a certain amount of crime can be expected by any school.

We don't consider it a high rate of crime," NSU Police Chief Rickie Williams said. "We have crime just like any other university."

Williams went on to explain that the University's crime rate, is directly affected by the city the University is located in.

"The bigger the city, the more crime, "he said. "Northwestern having to be in a small city we have less crime than most universities."

The 1995 crime statistics showed that Northwestern's crime rate was equal to most other colleges in Louisiana. Last years statistics, which will be published in

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Greek enrollment increases with addition of two new Greek organizations

Kenn Posey
Sports editor

The Greek system has added two strong additions to their ranks in the last year.

This past fall both Alpha Omicron Pi and Sigma Nu began to petition for a charter on campus.

Though the numbers in fraternities and sororities may have dropped over the past year the number of members in the Greek system has grown.

According to Reatha Cox, assistant director of student activities, Northwestern's student body is about 11.5 percent Greek.

"The only thing that has happened is these numbers have leveled off," Cox said.

The quotas for Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Sigma have been extremely high for the past few years, and with a new sorority things even off for the benefit of the rushees and the sororities themselves Cox added.

Cox also said that the diversity that these two organization bring to NSU is a benefit to the students who are interested in the Greek system.

"With more Greek organization we are able to give students more options," Cox added.

According to Michelle Blalock, president of Alpha Omicron Pi, the sorority is really doing well to have only been here one semester.

"We did not have a quota for last fall we are just trying to reach the number of members that Phi Mu and Sigma Sigma Sigma currently have," Blalock said.

Alpha Omicron Pi also has the benefit of an open rush throughout the spring semester in order to increase their enrollment.

"It is hard to get many members during the spring semester, because many girls want to wait until the fall to see what the other sororities have to offer as well," Blalock said.

She added that the members of Alpha Omicron Pi are excited about their future here.

"We have strong leaders and we are looking forward to rush in the fall," Blalock said.

The fraternities have also seen a leveling out of members among the different fraternities.

According to Hank Thomas, president of the Inter-fraternity Council, the numbers have been about equal for most of the fraternities.

"I think about everyone had average numbers, on different semesters certain fraternities will get more new members than other, but it all equals out in the end," Thomas said.

Thomas also added that once housing is straightened out enough to get a Greek row he feels that the memberships in all Greek organizations will increase.

"I think we are at a stalemate with the University on the housing situation, it is almost like it is on the low-end of their (universities) priorities, the membership will definitely increase when we have Greek row," Thomas said.

As Greek organizations continue to charter at Northwestern the Greek system will remain strong. Among potential organizations are Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi.

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Campus Briefs

"A New Millennium: Heritage and New Beginnings Spring Ball"
NSU's Black Student Association and Historically Black Greek Organizations will co-sponsor "A New Millennium: Heritage and New Beginnings Spring Ball" Saturday, March 1. The ball will be held from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. in the Friedman Student Union Ballroom. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are $7 per person or $12 per couple. Semi-formal attire (suit and tie) is required. Music will be by D.J. Daddy Ro of Monroe. All proceeds from the ball will benefit the Black Student Association's Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact Lynne Anderson at 357-4315, Stephanie Gardner at 357-5993 or Gail Jones at 357-5559.

Freeport-McMoRan Endowed Professorship in education
The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation has made a donation of $60,000 to NSU to establish an endowed professorship in education. This endowed professorship is the 11th established at NSU and the first one established in the College of Education. Freeport-MaMoRan's donation will be matched by $40,000 from the Board of Regents' Support Fund. The Freeport-McMoRan professor will have teaching and research duties and service responsibilities for enhancing minority recruiting and retention activities within the College of Education.

Increase in enrollment
NSU has set an enrollment record for the spring semester as 8,943 students are enrolled for the current term. The spring enrollment is an increase of 243 students or 2.8 percent over last spring's enrollment of 8,700. This marks the eleventh time in 14 semesters that NSU has set an enrollment record. Enrollment at NSU was 9,037 students last fall. Over the past decade, the University's student population has increased by 72 percent.

"Educational Exposure in Broadcast Journalism"
The Department of Journalism will host an informative workshop Tuesday, Feb. 25 in room 107B of Kyser Hall. The workshop, to be held from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., is designed to expose broadcast media professionals to teaching methods utilizing the latest technology in the industry. For more information or to make reservations for the free workshop, call Sherlynn Byrd at 357-4401.

"Showcasing Local Black Talent"
In celebration of Black History Month, the media/serials staff of Watson Library has put together a display. The exhibit will be on the first floor of the library throughout February. Included in the display are works by local residents Viva Gurst, Juanita Gordon, Connie Helaire Hayward, Mazie Hicks, Linda Revels Jones LaCour, Denise Lewis Patrick and Lelia Sibley. Some of the artists will also be featured as part of a series of Black History segments broadcast on Sunday afternoons on KNOC-AM (1450) in Natchitoches. The segments will be hosted by Barbara Pleasant of the "Gospel in Song" program. The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours.

NSU 22
The programing schedule is as follows: Tuesday, Feb. 18; 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. NASA TV, 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. NSU 22 News; 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. NSU 22 News replay, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. "Making College More Accessible" - U.S. Department of Education Satellite Town Meeting; Wednesday, Feb. 19; 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Business Law Class with Dr. John Williams, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. NASA TV, 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. NSU News, 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. NSU News replay, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. "Creating Prime Time Drama" with Steve Bocho- Museum of Radio and Television videoconference; Thursday, Feb. 20; 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. NASA TV, 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. NSU 22 News, 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. "NSU Today", 6:30 p.m. to7 p.m. NSU 22 News replay; Friday, Feb. 21; 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Business Law Class with Dr. John Williams, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Shamu TV:Super Predators, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. NASA TV, 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. NSU 22 News, 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. NSU 22 News replay.

Two girls and a guitar take Front Street by storm

Tatum Lyles
News editor

Have you been looking for something to do on the weekends that doesn't involve the average smoke-filled bar?

Well, you are in luck. In the quaint city of Natchitoches there exists the perfect combination of uplifting music with a cultural atmosphere. The music of Wendy Colonna and Hannah Vincent can be experienced in Front Street's own Caffe' Cafe'.

The duo, who has been singing together for the past two and a half years, frequent the downtown coffee shop and occasionally open for the well-known group Voodoo Grove.

The crowd, commonly consisting of 20 to 25 people, have many opinions of the two.

"They sing because they love to sing," said Carrie Shepherd, a sophomore art education major. "It is more than a performance- - it's spontaneous, expressive and full of life."

Not only are they considered talented vocalists, but they are also known for the passionate lyrics of their original songs. "Their original songs are inspired and very obviously genuine," said Noel McMullen, a Scholars' College student.

According to Vincent, they each average writing one song per month covering topics such as relationships, politics, coming to terms with life changes, addictions, social pressures and newfound independence from family.

Although they sing many of their original songs, they also play a variety of well-known favorites by artists such as Indigo Girls, Concrete Blonde, Melanie, Joni Mitchell and even the Beatles.

"Their music is beautifully diverse," said Melissa DeRouen, a junior at Louisiana School for the Math, Science and Arts. "Some of it is crazy and fun, some is reflective and raw."

Although many people in Natchitoches have not heard the talent and emotions exemplified in their music, those that have keep coming back for more.

"They are the first local group I've wanted to hear again and again," said Chuck Bradford, a junior Scholars' College student. "They pick the best songs to cover and do them so well that I usually like the Wendy and Hannah versions better than the originals."

So, yes there is a place to go and sit back to enjoy relaxing music while you sip on your spiced tea, cappucino, or New York Seltzer.



Hannah Vincent (left) and Wendy Colonna (right) perform at Caffe' Cafe'.
Photo by Eric Dutile

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In the meantime, Webb wants the colleges to be established and administered thus the reason he selected the six individuals to serve as acting deans; so that committees could be appointed and due process could be followed in the selection of the permanent deans.

Hatley has been involved with various community and academic programs here in Natchitoches. He is currently faculty advisor for Theta Chi Social Fraternity, Editor of *Louisiana Folklife*, Faculty member of NSU Blue Key Service Club, and a member of the NSU Athletic and Graduate Councils.

What is Hatley's view on his appointment as acting dean and the possibility of officially becoming dean?

"There are many, many people who are deserving of this position and I am extremely honored,"Hatley said. Hatley intends for Northwestern to be a student friendly place and agrees with Webb's position on advising.

"It is incumbent upon us to have in place an advising system through which we provide students accurate, consistent information on which they can rely,"Webb said.

In response to Webb's statement, Hatley points out, "If students do not have good advice, it can have some very detrimental effects. I would not be in this position if I had not had some success in what I call program development, that is my first love."

Hatley believes that the university system is all about faculty/student relationships.

"The faculty and the students are the University," Hatley said. "Other levels are necessary, but the action is in the classroom."

"I am first and foremost a teacher,"Hatley concludes, proving that no matter what, Hatley believes that students DO come first.

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We meet every Thursday at 6 p.m. in room 321 of the Student Union.

NSU 22
The programming schedule is as follows: Tuesday, Feb. 18 - - 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. NASA TV, 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. NSU 22 News; 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. NSU 22 News replay, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. "Making College More Accessible" - U.S. Department of Education Satellite Town Meeting; Wednesday, Feb. 19 - - 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Business Law Class with Dr. John Williams, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. NASA TV, 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. NSU News, 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. NSU News replay, 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. "Creating Prime Time Drama" with Steve Bocho- Museum of Radio and Television videoconference; Thursday, Feb. 20 - - 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. NASA TV, 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. NSU 22 News, 5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. "NSU Today", 6:30 p.m. -7 p.m. NSU 22 News replay; Friday, Feb. 21 - - 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Business Law Class with Dr. John Williams, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Shamu TV:Super Predators, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. NASA TV, 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. NSU 22 News, 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. NSU 22 News replay.

Phi Mu Fraternity
Dress up on Wednesday. There will be no study hall this week. Don't forget about the park project with KA on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be a map with directions to the park at the house on Tuesday. Be sure to wear old clothes! There is a Panhellenic Open House at 3 p.m. on Wednesday. Try to go and sign up for a committee. Crush will be held at the Elk's Lodge Friday. Please be there by 9:30 p.m. Remember that you need 40 pinky's points to attend. Bring your six pack of cokes and decorations to the house by Thursday. You can pick up your Crush shirts Wednesday at the house after 4 p.m. Our next meeting will be informal on February 23, at 6p.m.

Pre-law Club
We are starting a pre-law society club for pre-law students. The first meeting will be held in room 303 Kyser on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will talk on how to be successful in law school and what to know before you go. If there are any questions, please contact Dr. Taylor at 357-5507 or Leigh Cole at 357-5174.

Public Affairs Association
NSU Public Affairs Association (NSUPAA) is a new student organization being formed at NSU. The purpose of this organization is to inform students, faculty and the public at large about public affairs. Membership is open to all students. The second meeting is scheduled for Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. Contact Steven M. Tilley for more information at 357-5314.

Purple Jackets
We will hold a meeting Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Student Union.

Sigma Sigma Sigma
On Tuesday, Feb. 18, there will be a social meeting at 6 p.m. and a Family Day meeting at 7:30 p.m. The SISTERHOOD PICNIC will be held from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. across from the coliseum on Wednesday, Feb. 19. On Thursday, Feb. 20, there will be an IM game at 7:30 p.m., a Founder's Day meeting at 5:30 p.m., a spirit meeting at 6 p.m. and a mandatory workshop at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Feb. 22, we will have the RPM Balloon Sale at 9 a.m. (mandatory). On Monday, Feb. 24, there will be an IM game (sisterhood) at 6:30 p.m. and a meeting for Formal at 8:30 p.m.

Students in Free Enterprise
SIFE is a non-profit organization open to all academic majors. No dues or fees are required for membership. Elections for vice president, activities coordinator and treasurer will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in room 221 of the Student Union. All members are encouraged to attend. New members are welcome.

Shreveport

Nursing Community Outreach Association
The NCOA is extending membership to all nursing students at NSU. It is a volunteer organization founded by registered nurses in Shreveport-Bossier. Its mission is to reach out to the needs of the community and see a difference made. To become a member, just send your name, address and telephone number to NCOA at 6225 Trailwood Ter., Shreveport, LA 71119.

Nachos and Coke
The SGA is sponsoring free nachos and coke on Feb. 18 and Feb. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Atrium. Bring your ID and enjoy.

Free Tutoring
The tutoring for the spring semester on the Shreveport campus is as follows: Monday from 8:30 - 10:30 Math 0920/1020 T. Wyatt LA105; Monday from 8:30 - 10:30 Math 1060 or Chemistry A. Burgess LA 106; Monday from 10:30 - 11:30 Anatomy / Physiology / Micro. A. Burgess LA 106; Tuesday 10:00 - 1:00 English T. Milner LC 125. The head of the Student Support Services on the NSU Shreveport Campus is Patti Richter. If you have any questions, or need some tutoring information, her office is in the LC building room 133. She can be reached by phone at 677-3063. Confidential counseling is available. Appointments and referrals can be made by contacting the aforementioned phone number.

If you would like to place a Campus Connection in the Current Sauce, contact us at 357-5456.

Ibsen classic "A Doll House" currently on NSU stage

Keri Champion
Staff reporter

"A Doll House" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17-24 in Theatre West.

The performance is based on the play by Henrik Ibsen and will be directed by Dr. Jim Stacy. The play is one of the first to be considered among what is known as modern drama. The most significant element of modern drama is realism, dealing with social issues of the day.

The setting is in Virginia in the year 1900. The main character Nora Helmer, played by Heather Child, is in an unhappy marriage and is looking for a way out. While Stewart Helmer, her husband, is ill Nora strives to secretly support them both. When Stewart, played by Peter Schmidt, recovers he once again is working at a good job. He is still unaware that Nora had been supporting them while he was ill.

To get money Nora arranges a loan with a lawyer named Miles Koestler. When Koestler, portrayed by Guy Davis, attempts to blackmail Nora she begins to feel that she is just a plaything and starts to consider leaving her old life behind.

Doctor Rand, the closest friend to the couple, has always secretly loved Nora. When he finds out he is dying of a grave illness, Rand confesses it to her. Doctor Rand's role is performed by Mike Mayhall and understudy John Dollar Feb. 23 and 24.

Christine Linde is another friend of the family who is looking for guidance and comfort from Nora. Mrs. Linde's role is being played by Abigail Bowden and understudy Melissa Borders Feb. 23 and 24.

"A Doll House" is famous for the last scene in the play in which Nora does leave her husband in a time when divorces were unseemingly for a woman to initiate. It accurately portrays the progression of women and their gained independence in the 20th century.

Tickets for "A Doll House " are at the Theater Office in the Fine Arts building and are free to NSU students and faculty.

Crime, con't from page 1

the FBI' s book Crime in the United States, will not be released until late February or early March.

"Once we receive that book from the FBI it will give a better determination at what we are looking at," Det. Sgt. Doug Prescott said.

Students who have been victims of crime feel that police are taking the issue lightly.

"I had some jewelry stolen from me at the dorm at one time and my car was keyed," Jarvis Connick, an NSU student stated. "When I went over to give a report on the incident about the jewelry all they did was take a report. There was no follow-up or anything."

Connick added, however, that when he reported his car being keyed, several other students made similar reports and the police started increasing patrols in the area.

Students have begun to get involved in stopping crime. Prescott attributes much of the success of the police to these students.

"We have made several arrest for burglaries because students have started calling in when they see something suspicious," he stated.

NSU has a crime stoppers program and encourages anyone with information regarding a crime to call 357-5431.

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A&E

Corrosion of Conformity, Delta 9 and The Violet Burninggo through the ringer this week

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

CORROSION OF CONFORMITY
WISEBLOOD
Columbia Records/Sony Music

Ahh, the Masters of Groove Metal are back, and not a moment too soon (all hail).

For a minute there, I was beginning to wonder if Pepper and the boys had forgotten all about us.

But hey—the gods are smiling, the sun shines bright and all is once again well in the Hallowed Halls of Metaldom.

So sit back, strap yourself in and let Pepper and the boys spin you a tale that only the WISEBLOOD know. (And consider yourself mighty privileged while you're at it.)



COC are the kind of band that do what they do, and they do it well.

On WISEBLOOD, they come through once again with their signature sound, and you can't possibly be disappointed. If you like groove, they got it.

Need straight-up, honest rock that comes from the soul? You'll find it here. Corrosion of Conformity's WISEBLOOD has all of that and a whole lot more.

COC have the kind of sound that you automatically recognize when you hear it. They don't sound like anybody else, and nobody sounds like them (in spite of the many who try but don't succeed).

Even if COC didn't put out a record for 10 years (heaven forbid), the minute they cranked one out, you'd know it was them. They've carved out a spot in Metal that's theirs and theirs alone. And that, my friend, deserves respect.

In COC's latest bio, Pepper said: "When we look back at what we've done we want it to sound timeless. So many bands are gonna laugh at themselves in ten years. We don't want that."

I don't think he needs to concern himself. Corrosion of Conformity has the rare quality of originality that only comes from playing what's in the heart.

If the music comes from any other source, sooner or later that dishonesty's gonna surface and the band is gonna bite the big one. (Remember the big-haired, "we all sound alike" bands of the 80s? Where are they now? Betcha don't know, do ya?) Exactly my point.

But WISEBLOOD, with all its soulful guitar and vivacious vocals, will be a classic. This is Metal at its best. Oh, yeah. One last thing—the bio lists COC's repertoire as alternative, Metal or Rock. (Deep sigh) Let's get it straight once and for all—Just because something jams and you might actually hear it on the radio doesn't mean it must be alternative.

Okay? This, Yolanda, is exactly what Metal is all about, and that's what COC are. So you can have Metallica if you want 'em, I don't care. BUT DON'T YOU DARE CLAIM MY COC! There, I feel much better now.

Delta 9
Disco Inferno
Earache Records

Okay, here we go with that rave-gabber-techno-industrial-we're-gonna-try-to-kill you-with-our-music stuff again.

But believe it or not, I'm actually kinda diggin it this time. (Which is not to say that I won't be reaching for the Advil again by time it's over, cuz I'm sure I will.) It's just that Delta 9 seems like they have more to offer than just the 150-200 beats per minute that make gabber what it is.



Disco Inferno is crazy stuff. But it starts out good. And it isn't just full of pound, pound, pound and noise.

There are other things going on here musically, and every now and then I find myself thinking that yes, if I were on acid, I could conceivably see myself dancing to it. (Albeit with those "jerky white girl on acid" moves, but that's how it is.)

I don't really know how to describe Delta 9's Disco Inferno. But if you've ever scratched a CD and it started skipping when you played it, then you're hitting pretty close to home.

I keep finding myself wanting to get up and kick the discplayer silly because I think the damned thing's jammed. But it's not. That's just the way Delta 9 sounds.

Yet just when I think I'm about to go nuts and feel like I have no choice but to smash the CD, the tempo changes, Delta 9 adds something different to the mix and I sit back down to see what's gonna happen next. I'm a glutton for punishment, I guess, but all in all, I actually like Disco Inferno.

Now please excuse me whilst I mop my brain up off the floor.

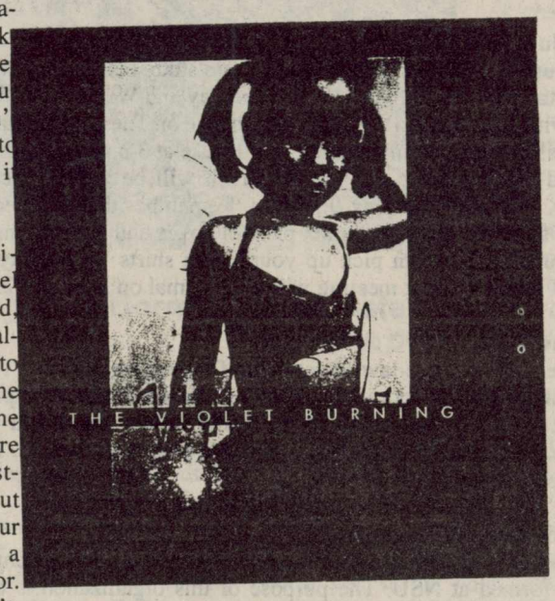
THE VIOLET BURNING
The Violet Burning
Domo Records

I was gonna save The Violet Burning for a week when I needed an "I don't just cover Metal so shut-up" disc, but it's too good to hold off on, so here it is.

And in spite of the fact that there's a non-Metal review just prior to it, too. So you know I must be liking what I'm hearing.

Actually, I don't know how to classify The Violet Burning's music.

It's not exactly what I'd call Metal, alternative or Rock But I don't fee too bad abou it—they don' know how t classify i either.



Vocalist/guitarist Michael Pritzl said. "We don't really know how to describe the album. The influences are mostly post-punk, but ....some of our songs have a Beatle-y flavor. [No, they don't. I hate the Beatles.] I just don't know how to describe our sound."

Well, Michael, neither do I necessarily, but it sure ain't the Beatles. (P-yew).

This music is far, far better than any "Let me hold your yeah, yeah, yeah" or what have you. The Violet Burning's lyrics are intelligent and thought provoking, and the dark music tends to wrap itself around me like a snake.

The Violet Burning's music actually has a physical presence and I can literally feel this stuff seeping out of the speakers and swallowing my soul. (I think I'm gonna need to go lie down after this.)

Anyway, The Violet Burning has something that makes it a good disc to listen to when you're all by yourself but you don't want to be. The sound if full. It's heavier than air and more solid than smoke.

This is the kind of music that you don't just listen to—You feel it, breathe it, drink it, are it.

What else can I say? If you're looking for a good way to invest $15.00, I'd forget all about mutual funds and go for The Violet Burning. It's like Nyquil for the Higher Self.

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Valintines Day. For love or money?

St. Valentine's Day. Is it really worth it?

It is now the week after the big celebration. You have gorged yourself on chocolate and paper cut your tongue licking envelopes, and all for what?

Your wonderful significant other is pleased with the roses that are withering on the counter and the candy that drove him or her to the fat farm, but what is it all about?

St. Valentine's Day is the time when you show that special someone that you care, spend the last dime you don't have, stuff yourself with candy you don't want, write countless cards to people who think you care about them and wake up the next morning to wonder why you now cannot afford to eat.

This brings to mind the question of how and why this great

"...stuff yourself with candy you don't want, write countless cards to people who think you care..."

day began.

Well, there are many stories about a man named Valentine who, in the name of Christianity, lost his head (literally).

Another possibility ties in with an ancient celebration that honored the Roman god of flocks and fertility. During this feast, the young ladies would write their names on paper and have them drawn out of a hat by the young men. Whoever was paired up on that day would attend social functions together for the next year.

Now, in remembrance of these two stories mushed together, or for no reason at all, we give our money to those we care about in the form of greeting cards, candy and those annoying white teddy bears with the red heart feet.

So who really profits after all of this? It would be safe to say Hallmark and American Greetings.

It is a shame the American public would fall for such a gimmick.

The high divorce rate probably stems from the loss of money to the card and candy companies on St. Valentine's Day.

OK, picture this, a man purchases a dozen roses for his lovely wife and has them delivered. She is thrilled when she answers the door, but when it comes time to pay the water bill, electric bill and rent, all she can do is wonder if the vase with the rotten $50 flowers is worth cleaning out.

Last on the list of V-Day pet peeves are those small but immensely nasty heart-shaped candies. They say "hug" and "be mine" and leave you feeling as if you licked a chalkboard clean instead of using an eraser. If you eat one, it takes over half the water in Sibley Lake to quench your thirst. It is obvious that the genius who invented them never taste-tested them before putting them on the market.

So, there you have it, St. Valentine's Day is a conspiracy set up by money-hungry card companies, flower shops, and candy businesses. So think twice before you hand your last $50 to the florist.

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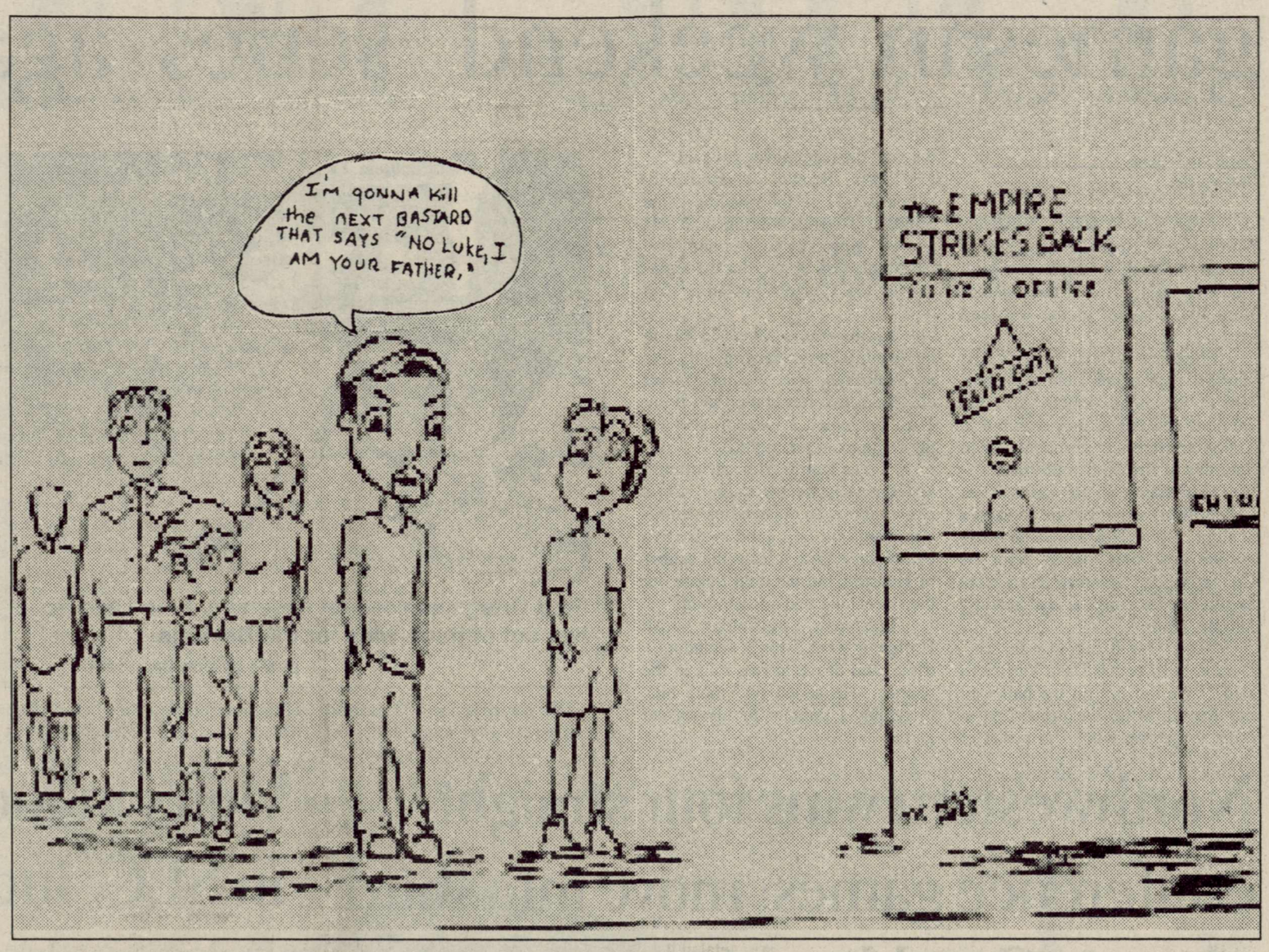
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This is a prime example of Star Wars withdrawal syndrome



Columnist searches for direction as graduation nears

The Gospel of Jeff

Jeff Burkett

When I began my advancement to higher education here at wonderful Northwestern many years ago, I never considered what I would do, where I would go, or what I would be after receiving the coveted hunk of paper (ie. diploma) from this institution.

Now, as I near the end of my undergrad career, I have no idea of what is in store after I leave these hallowed halls, and it scares the hell out of me.

I'm sure that I am not the first person to ever think this, nor do I consider myself alone in this category.

I'm sure that students all over the world are struggling with the same problem. And for your usually solid-as-a-rock, tough-as-nails, tell-it-like-it-is, damn-the-man columnist, it hit me like a ton-o'-bricks recently.

As I was home over the past holiday, I went to where my father worked to meet some of his colleagues and to have lunch with my old man.

After arriving in his office, we briefly conversed of the past semester, how my trip home was, and how glad I was to be out of Natchitoches. Following his lead, we began to rome the hallways and I was introduced to several of his co-workers.

After the name thing, dad told them that I was expecting to graduate soon from college.

No sooner than he said the "G" word did the inquisition begin. "What are you going to do?" was the main question that I was assaulted with at every stop.

Usually I made something up, or at least made something impressive up as to not worry my proud father.

After lying my way through the building, I stopped for a minute and actually thought to myself, what am I really going to do? After nearly five years at NSU, spending thousands of dollars on books, food, tuition, and even more at the bars, I realized that I had nothing planned for my post-grad future.

What am I going to do? Do I have what it takes to make it in the real world?

Am I going to be able to find a decent job, not one flipping burgers, with my newly earned "college degree?"

Has my education here at Northwestern prepared my for the big step into the world of the perpetually employed? Or will my street savvy and positive motivational skills brandish me that 75k a year job with full medical and dental and a company car of my choice? No one knows, not even me!

So now, as I do the rest of my time here in Natchitoches, I am beginning the coveted / almighty search for a job.

I am looking for the company or corporation who needs a warm body to fill a position for an exiting baby-boomer who thinks that I am just another slacker with a degree. And who knows maybe I will find something.

Maybe I will get lucky and find the job of my dreams in the city where I want to spend the rest of my life.

Spend my life, punching in day after day, watching the clock from 9 to 5, praying for the weekends and holidays so I can get away...that or maybe I'll go back to college for the rest of my life. Gee....Dr.Burkett, has a nice ring to it!

Chick-fil-a customer upset by hoarding of Polynesian sauce

Unless your head has been buried in the sand for the past week, you have obviously heard about the grand opening of Northwestern's newest eating establishment, Chic-fil-a.

Although I and my friends eagerly anticipated this earth shattering event, the whole experience has left a few of us with a "fowl" taste in our mouths.

Last Wednesday I and a group of my friends chose to battle a mob of customers at La Rendezvous, in the hopes of gaining the all prized Chic-fil-a sandwich and waffle fries.

Upon checking out I requested some Polynesian sauce.

My request was quickly denied when the cashier replied, "the sauce is for nuggets only."

I told her I wanted some with my sandwich and would even be willing to pay a reasonable amount for some.

She once again responded with her witty come back, "the sauce is for nuggets only."

Seeing this debate was going nowhere, I paid and began my quest for someone of authority. The manager, who hordes the Polynesian sauce as if it were more valuable than gold, was most informative.

She explained that the cost of their various sauces was factored into the cost of their nuggets.

I asked her if she could do the nuclear physics necessary to figure out the cost of the sauce only and charge me that. She blatantly refused, and with a wave of her hand the conversation was over.

Considering the recent return of the O.J. verdict, and the state of world affairs it might surprise you that someone could become enraged over something as trivial a as condiment.

Although I admit that the issue is somewhat trivial, my request for sauce has never been denied at other Chicfil-a franchises; furthermore, the issue of paying for the sauce was never even mentioned.

In our enlightened age of Civil Rights it seems there's always a group claiming they are the victims of oppression and prejudice.

I never thought I would make such a claim, but as a result of last week's incident it is obvious that us eccentric few who deviate from the norm of mayonnaise, ketchup, and mustard are being denied.

Might I remind everyone that our entire independence as a country was partially triggered by a tax on tea.

Who knows what could result if this sauce discrimination continues. I just want what my forefathers wanted life, liberty, and a little Polynesian sauce.

Heath White

Did you know....

Salads on the second floor of the Student Union are priced according to what they weigh, costing some unsuspecting students up to $10. If you were charged for a Chic-fil-A salad by its weight, it would cost you approximately $1.65 more than its regular price of $2.99.

Now which one do you think is the better deal?

Sports

Demons win two out of three baseball games in weekend series against Houston

Elizabeth Crump
Staff reporter

After a 5-4 victory Saturday, Northwestern State Demons split a Sunday baseball doubleheader with Houston, taking two of three games from the Cougars in the weekend series.

Freshman Josh Hoffpauir's RBI single to right center field in the bottom of the eighth inning gave the Demons new life as they won 5-4 in a non-conference comeback win Saturday at Brown-Stroud field.

Hoffpauir's single scored Fred Ortega from second to tie the score at eight. Brent Tresclair came home on the next play on an error by Cougar second baseman Ryan Ware to give the Demons the lead heading into the ninth.

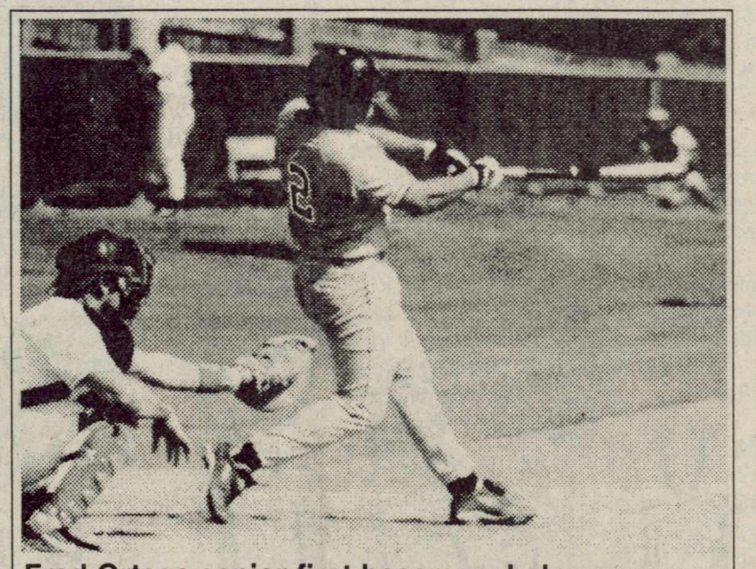
"This was a big win for us," Demon head coach Dave Van Horn said. "We did not hit the ball well but we did what we needed to in order to get the win. I'm proud of the way the team never gave up."

Chris Brown, a freshman, struck out 11 in the opening game Sunday. After scattering nine hits and allowing only two earned runs, Houston's bats erupted in the nightcap as the Cougars posted a 15-8 win.

Northwestern lashed 23 hits in the twinbill after managing only five in Saturday's win. Clint Walker clubbed a two-run homer and Brent Trosclair nailed a two-run shot for the Demons in the nightcap.

"I was happy with our offense and the way we hit today. Chris Brown threw an outstanding game," Van Horn said. It's good to take two out of three from a team the caliber of Houston, but we didn't close out the sweep and that's frustrating."

Freshman outfielder Josh Hoffpauir went 3-for-3, including a triple, and drove in two runs in the opener. He added two more hits, including a double, in the second game.



Fred Ortega,senior first baseman, helps secure two out of three wins for the Demons.

photo by Don Sepulvado

"We played a lot of freshman and first-year guys today and most of them responded well," Van Horn added. "Josh had a very good day at the plate."

Hoffpauir and Trosclair each had RBI singles as the Demons raced to a 4-0 lead in the first inning of the opener.

Houston scored six runs in the second inning of the nightcap, highlighted by a two-run homer by Scott Keithley off Brandon Emanuel.

In their 10-hit outburst, the Cougars got four hits, including a three-run homer and two doubles from Geoffrey Tomlinson. Houston led 12-0 before Northwestern began to rally in the sixth inning as starter Jon McDonald tired after striking out seven.

"I was disappointed in our defense Sunday. We weren't sharp at all." Van Horn said. "Brandon struggled Sunday after being very sharp in his first outing."

Other team players felt that the games this past weekend went fine, but were also disappointed in Sunday's nightcap.

"Houston came out hitting and we didn't," Infielder, Brent Fenster said. "If we would of have had a couple of clutch hits, we would have been back in the game. Since we won the first 2 games, we looked for the sweep and it wasn't there."

"We're just seven games into the season, and right now I feel really good about how much we've learned about this team," Van Horn said. "We faced a lot of different situations in this series and we saw how our players reacted, and that gives me a real good idea how to use the guys throughout the season. Considering the competition we're facing the next couple of weeks, this series came at a great time."

The Demons will be traveling to Houston for a tournament against No.5 Oklahoma State, University of Cincinnati and No.4 Rice.

Northwestern plays No. 4-Ranked Rice, No. 5 Oklahoma State and defending national champion and No. 8 LSU in the next two weeks.

Northwestern wins four straight conference games; move into third place in Southland Conference

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

Northwestern got career-high nights in scoring from Sam Alexander and Dameon McQuarters as the Demons surprised McNeese State 96-88 and moved into third place in the Southland Conference.

Alexander, scored 27 points and had 7 rebounds, snapping out of what had been a seven-game shooting slump. Alexander had been shooting just 28 percent in the past seven games but was 9-17 from the floor, including 4-7 on three pointers.

McQuarters chipped in with his career high of 19 points and also added ten rebounds in front of a boisterous Prather Coliseum crowd in the last home game of the season. McQuarters has been playing well since he was put into the starting lineup seven games ago by coach Barnett.

"I'm really proud of this team," coach Barnett said after the game. "They played with a lot of cohesiveness and gave tremendous effort that helped them overcome a disadvantage in athletic ability. Dameon and Sam really came up big today."

The Demons earlier in the week got big conference wins against Nicholls State, Stephen F. Austin, and Sam Houston State. Charles Duncan had a season high 25 points and Chris Larson had a Dennis Rodman type performance with 12 points and 17 rebounds in leading the Demons past Nicholls 90-73. On Larson's performance Barnett had to say, "Chris had a whale of a game, seventeen rebounds is a phenomenal total and my hat is off to him. He earned every one of them."

Over the Mardi Gras break the Demons played Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston State. In the SFA game Charles Duncan scored 21 points and McQuarters added 18 points in the Demons 69-63 nail-biting win. Duncan hit a pair of free throws with 27 seconds left in the game to ice the win for the Demons. In the Sam Houston game Alexander's 15 points led five double digit scorers as the Demons raced by Sam Houston 87-67 and stopped a three game conference losing streak. Chris Larson playing for the first time in 10 games after sitting out with a ankle injury scored 7 points and had 12 rebounds in his first game back after the injury. Larson hit a key 3-point play in the middle of the second half that was a key momentum changer in the game.

The Demons with their four game winning streak have now upped their over-all record to 12-12 and 8-6 in the Southland Conference. With two wins in their last two games the Demons have chance to finish in second place in the conference. This would be phenomenal to say the least in the fact that in the preseason the Demons were picked by everyone to finish in last or next to last place in the conference before the season begin. The Demons play in Monroe this week in a key game with Northeast. A win would be huge and the team needs all the support it can get. Coach Barnett is encouraging all Northwestern students to make the hour and a half drive to Monroe to support the team and help them continue on to what we hope will be a five game winning streak.

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Men's indoor track team places third in SLC indoor Championship

Don Harper
Staff reporter

Ronnie Powell and triple jumper Kent Bell won individual Southland Conference championships Saturday leading the Demons to a third place finish in the final day of competition in the SLC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Powell took the tape in the 55 meter dash in 6.42 as Bell won the triple jump with a distance of 49-2 1/4.

Both Bell and Powell took points in the first day of competition finishing third and seventh respectively. Helping NSU's fight, Bell also finished third in the 55 meter hurdles while Powell finished second in the 200 meters.

NSU's John Coleman and Terrence Bean took runner-up honors in individual events. Coleman finished the 400 in 48.63 and Bean leaped 7-1 in the high jump.

After the points were tallied NSU's men had run, shot and jumped themselves to a solid third place in the SLC indoor Championships.

"We didn't qualify the people we should have in the prelims on Friday night and so we weren't in position to make a serious run at the team championship today," Coach Leon Johnson said after Saturdays meet.

The final positions for the men's team championships were: UTA defended it's team title with 119.5 points with UTSA finishing a close second with 118. NSU grabbed third place with a solid 86 beating the fourth place team Sam Houston by 13.5.

The indoor track season is now over for all but two Demons who have provisionally qualified for the NCAA championships March 1. Terrence Bean will be going with a high-jump of 7-1 3/4 and Kenta Bell has qualified in the long-jump with a leap of 25-2.

The provision of their qualifications is this: only so many athletes may qualify for each event and all conference championships have not taken place as of Monday Feb. 17. The Current Sauce staff would like to wish both of these athletes good luck.

Golf team set to begin season next week

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The 1997 golf team has its sights set on winning the Southland Conference Championship.

They will begin their quest this season by playing in the Crown Golf Classic in Lufkin, Texas and the Southeastern Mardi Gras Collegiate Championships in Mandeville, Louisiana next week.

The Demons are led by Manuel Inman and Luis Arechiga. Inman had a outstanding fall season finishing in the top five at every tournament the Demons played in during the fall season.

Head coach Derek Morel says "that Inman has the chance to be the Southland Conference golfer of the year if he repeats his fall season performance."

Magnus Ackerstrom from Sweden, Matt Baum, and Joshua Fosdick are also expected to play large roles in the teams success this year.

The Demons have two newcomers to the team this year, Beau Bockhaus from Haughton and Bobby Wynne from Rowlett, Texas.

Wynne saw action in one tournament in the fall. Bockhaus did not play during the fall season but will see some action this spring.

After these two tournaments in late February the Demons will take three weeks off before returning to action with two more tournaments before the they play in the Southland Golf Tournament in Tyler, Texas in late April.

Morel is hoping that this years squad can improve on last years 5th place showing. He thinks that this years squad if everyone plays up to there potential has a shot to make a run for the Southland Conference title.

Are your standards as tough as NCAA? Easy to make standards; hard to live up to them

Just a fan

Don Harper

It's been a couple of weeks since I have had the opportunity to fill your mind with my vast amount of sports wisdom and many things have transpired in the sports arena. I have had many topics put before me but there is just one that stands out like a Cowboy fan in Milwaukee.

I have done an awesome amount of research about this story and was intending to use the athlete's name and university. I had some interviews with some of our student athletes and other student opinions to try and emphasize the magnitude of this decision but second thoughts have prevailed.

The story I am going to relate to you this week may stir some feelings deep within your soul about your standards and how willing you are to live up to these standards. This is the most difficult aspect of setting high standards for yourself, your kids, your friends, and even your parents. I know what you are thinking, this is a sports opinion and I have read three paragraphs and haven't seen anything about sports. Well, here we go. Batten down your standards!

A junior college athlete maintaining a 3.2 GPA walked on to a division I school basketball program and manages to earn a spot on the roster. He again makes the team for his senior year but is still not offered a scholarship. A hard worker by nature and never one to be second best he earns the position as starting guard. He started more than half of the games and played in all not posting tremendous numbers, but giving his team his best. Then it happened. The semester was over and grades came out. This young man had earned two Cs on his semester report card. This met NCAA standards, but yet did not meet his and his family's.

This young man is one of three children who all attend medium size colleges and who all maintain a 3.2 GPA or better. The family as a whole set standards for themselves. They actually sat down and talked about this. When he did not meet the standards the father talked to all members of the family and as a whole, as one unit, they made the decision that this fine young man would have to stop playing basketball and concentrate on his grades. This is not what he wanted to hear. His GPA was still better than a 3.00. He knew his family was right although he knew that it would be hard to watch from the sideline.

I have relayed to you a story that, as much as it may be hard to believe, is true. I did not embellish the facts. I did not make it up. I did not write this story because I think NCAA standards are too easy. I wrote this story to show you that there are people out there who stand up for what they believe and hold true in their hearts. There are people out there whether they are in sports or any other facet of life that will sacrifice those things deemed as fun or exciting because they have standards and in order to meet them they must make choices.

They may not always be the most popular person for making these choices and they may miss some of the "good times" others are having, but in the long run they will succeed. They will be better than you. They will get the job or the position on the team or the raise because they made better choices.

I am going to get off of my soap box now and promise you that next week we will cover a lighter topic. As I leave you this week I would like to challenge every person who sets eyes on these words to sit down and look at yourself and the standards you hold for yourself. In other words look in the mirror and see if you like what you see.

If you think you might be slightly biased in your opinion of yourself ask the person you respect the most to look at you and see what they see. You might be surprised at what you don't see.

If you read this article and decide that you have a comment or would just like to take me out back and open up a whole can of kick butt on me let me know first. You can E-MAIL me at nshar0968.alpha.nsula.edu. I hope to hear from you.

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Demon baseball team drops two out of three in Houston. See page 6 for details

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Students' scholarships continued despite state auditors' findings

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

Although University and state audits last year found discrepancies in the scholarship process and scholarship qualifications, all the students involved were allowed to keep their scholarships.

According to Fred Fulton, vice president of student affairs, these students were allowed to keep their scholarships because the mistakes were made on the part of the University, not the student.

When state auditors took a sample of the scholarship students at Northwestern, they found that some students did not have the required ACT scores for their scholarship, had not filled out an application for scholarship, did not have an award letter on file, or did not keep their required GPA.

One of the things that contributed to these findings were discrepancies in recordkeeping, Fulton said.

Scholarship applications, award letters, grade appeals and scores were in files that did not belong to the student.

To remedy this, the University has upgraded its filing system, Fulton said.

"We've reviewed all the student folders from the past two years in an effort to make sure we can verify their scholarships," Fulton said.

The University has also developed a new policy, as to how scholarships are awarded.

"We became aware of the discrepancies in January of 1995 and made immediate changes in how scholarships are awarded," Fulton said. "Now there are several people involved in the process, where before, there had only been one."

State auditors later found similar discrepancies, but by the time the final report was complete, Northwestern had already begun changes. They developed a "written policy" for awarding scholarships, which was adopted last July.

"We formally designed a scholarship policy and scholarship appeals process," Mary Edith Stacey, coordinator of university scholarships, said.

This policy will be printed in the 1997-98 catalog "so students will have something to refer to," Stacey said.

The policy will also be reviewed annually to make sure that the University if following its own policies, Fulton said.

Among those allowed to keep their scholarships were nine students who didn't keep the required 2.5 GPA for the Outstanding Student Award. University officials later realized that all nine had filed an appeal, which was approved, but this appeal wasn't put in their folders.

Sixteen students whose test scores (ACT or SAT) weren't documented or were below University standards also kept their awards. According to Fulton, in this case, either the student file was again incomplete, or other factors were considered when the scholarship was awarded.

According to Fulton, the University agrees with the findings of the state auditors.

"As we have worked to make corrections, we have been able to verify some things and document some scores we couldn't document before," Fulton said.

Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King Jr., to speak on campus Wednesday

Coretta Scott King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will speak at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Prather Coliseum as part of Northwestern's Distinguished Lecture Series.

King is the founder and former chairman of The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Change, Inc. in Atlanta, Ga. The King Center is a living memorial to Dr. King, preserving the legacy of what the human rights movement accomplished under his leadership.

Coretta Scott was born and reared in Marion, Ala. After receiving a B.A. in music and education, she went to Boston to study as a concert singer at the New England Conservatory of Music. In Boston she met Martin Luther King Jr. who was studying for his doctorate in theology at Boston University.

During Dr. King's life, Mrs. King occasionally substituted for him as a speaker. She often appeared on her own, as a speaker for church, civic, college, fraternal and peace groups throughout the United States and abroad.

Mrs. King has led goodwill missions to many Latin American and African nations and has addressed two of history's largest peace rallies in Bonn, Germany and New York. She also served as a Women's Strike for Peace delegate to the seventeen-nation Disarmament Conference in Geneva, Switzerland in 1962. Mrs. King was the first woman to preach at a statutory service at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

Since Dr. King's assassination, her life's work has been dedicated to building the Atlanta-based Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc. Last year, more than 3 million people visited The King Center, which includes Dr. King's tomb, his birth home, the Freedom Hall Complex and Ebenezer Baptist Church. The King Center promotes Dr. King's philosophy and strategy of nonviolence through seminars, workshops and training programs for youth, teachers, community leaders and administrators.

Mrs. King led the mobilization efforts for the 20th Anniversary March on Washington D.C. by bringing together more than 800 human rights organizations to form the Coalition of Conscience.

The 1983 march brought more than half a million protesters to the nation's capital for the largest nonviolent demonstration in the capital's history.

University Action Teams beginning to help shape University's future

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

Over 100 student, staff and faculty volunteers began their work on University Action Teams earlier this month as part of the first University Planning Council.

The Council, formed by President Randall J. Webb last summer, is designed to gather ideas from all parts of the University and improve the way the University functions . And as part of this planning, the Council formed 12 smaller Action Teams.

The Action Teams will focus on one aspect of the University and put together a plan that includes short-term and long-term goals in that area, University Planning Council chairman Dr. Scott Roach, said.

"In a university setting, as much as our culture is changing, and even what we're teaching is changing, if you're not looking way ahead, say 10 years from now, you're going to drop way behind," Roach said. "In order to make us one of the flagship universities where we stay ahead of the pack, we want to be innovative, try non-traditional things and help the students.

The teams are concentrating on four of the 11 University goals. These are: to provide a student oriented environment, to promote excellence in teaching, to develop and strengthen communication channels within the University community and with its external public and to develop innovative, non-traditional methods of instruction.

According to Roach, these are goals "that we really felt we could make some progress toward."

"Remember, this is brand new," Roach said. "We've got a lot of bugs to work out and lines of communication to establish so we can make sure everything works well.

"We did not get as many students as we wanted to this time, which kind of upset me," Roach said. "Dr. Webb is really behind this and he wants to make changes based upon what is needed. If these people see needs out there (they should) get involved and start addressing those needs."

According to Roach, it is important that people understand that the Planning Council is an "advisory council."

"We will offer advice to the President and his advisers," Roach

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Hotel Nakatosh gets new owner and new future



photo by Eric Dutile

Philip Wise
Opinions editor

Natchitoches Parish will soon start the ball rolling to implement the plans to build a Conference Center on Front Street.

The plans propose to renovate the "Old" Hotel Nakatosh and adjoining theater into a Conference Center that will accommodate 700 people. The project will also incorporate a 3 level parking garage in the back of the hotel that will house up to 270 vehicles. The first level and a half will be sub-terranean, so that the garage will not be taller than the hotel.

The project has been in the planning stage for quite some time to ensure that the Conference Center and hotel will be flawless.

Many individuals and groups have been active participants in overseeing this construction. The Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission, the Historical District and many city officials have carefully studied the proposal. This was a joint effort between city and parish groups from the beginning.

"So many things have come together, we have politicians, representatives and senators that see this is a good thing for the area," Arthur Welch chairman of the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission said. "We also have the city and different organizations who all see this is a good thing, if we can keep everyone on track we can pull this off."

The Tourist Commission and the Chamber of Commerce have been receiving funds from the state that are dedicated to the Conference Center. Before the actual construction can begin there must be legal aspects to contend with.

The money for this project will come from public funds that have been allotted by the state. The possible problem that has surfaced is the incorporation of public and private funds.

The hotel is privately owned, but is dependent on public funds to help with the renovations.

To check the legality of this situation Natchitoches Parish officials contacted the Attorney General to receive information and advice in the abnormal endeavor.

"This is going to be a blending of private enterprise, private money, public needs and public

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CAAP test to be given in April;four different times to be available

Catherine Gill
Staff reporter

For over thirty years, the ACT has assisted institutions like Northwestern in the assessment of academic achievement in foundational skills for the purpose of admissions and placement.

Now ACT has developed the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency, or CAAP, to assess achievement in these areas at the end of the sophomore level of college. Since its introduction in 1988, CAAP has been administered by many two- and four-year colleges, resulting in the development of data for a number of comparison groups.

Northwestern is currently undergoing research with CAAP to determine how students are progressing compared to the core curriculum. The CAAP test is administered to all students who have completed the core curriculum. This semester, the CAAP test will be given during April.

Unlike the ACT where the test is given all at one time, Northwestern will give the CAAP at four separate times.

The Writing Skills Test, a 72-item, 40-minute test which measures the student's understanding of standard written English in Usage/Mechanics and Rhetorical Skills, will be given in sophomore level English classes.

The Reading Test, a 36-item, 40-minute test which measures reading comprehension, will be administered by appointment in the Testing Center whenever the student feels it is necessary.

As well as the Writing Skills and Reading Tests, there are also Science Reasoning and Mathematics tests. These two tests are taken when the science and math core requirements of the student's major are completed.

From 1993 to 1996, education, radiology technology and nursing majors were excluded from taking the CAAP test since it was mandatory for them to take the NTE and NLN exams.

In the future, this may not be true.

Those majoring in these fields will have to take the CAAP, as well as their related exam.

The assessment from these tests will be built into the culture of the university and at some point, all students will be required to take the test instead of a select few.

Results of the test will determine whether Northwestern has strengths or weaknesses in the core curriculum and will match ACT scores with CAAP scores, revealing student progression.

Other uses of the CAAP test are the ability to document levels of proficiency, to indicate change from one educational point to another, to compare local performance with that of other populations, and to establish eligibility requirements.

What does all this mean?

It means that CAAP results will be able to yield evidence of acceptable levels of academic skills established by the faculty for the areas covered, as well as establish readiness to take specific advanced

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Campus Brief

Holy Cross
Stations of the cross followed by CSO suppers are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Phi Mu Fraternity
Dress up Thursday. Study hall will be Monday and Wednesday at the regular times. Tuesday it will be at the house from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. An IM game will be on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Our teacher of the month is Dr. Neil Cameron.

Attention All
Order of Omega is holding "Musical Madness" on April 19. There is a mandatory information meeting Thursday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. in the Cane River Room.

SigmaSigmaSigma
Social committee meets at 6 p.m. and Family Day committee meets at 7:30 p.m. Dress up Wednesday. An IM game will be at 5:30 p.m. Founder's Day Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m., Spirit at 6 p.m. There is a mandatory chairman meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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course on entering the junior year. CAAP can also be used as a pretest to establish a baseline of performance at entry and then as a post-test at the completion of relevant general education courses. The differences between the two scores may be viewed as the change that occurred during the course of the program. CAAP user norms may also be helpful to institutions in determining how their students as a group compare with students at the same levels attending similar types of institutions across the nation.

How do students feel about taking the CAAP?

"Even though it's supposed to evaluate the student we don't even know how we scored, it is simply to evaluate the school," Jill Garner, a senior who has already taken the test, said. "It's more of a burden on the student than anything."

In response, Barbara Gillis, director of university testing, said, "It is an indirect burden to the student. You don't get a prize in essence. It's a quality control. Who wants to spend $10,000 for an education if when you get through, you have nothing of value? We don't want comments made about our school. We want the quality of our program to be known. The name of the school has to have quality behind it. Our goal is to have the very best."

For more information about the CAAP test, contact the Testing Center at 357-5246.

Editor's note: Some information from this article has been taken from the American College Testing Program's Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency brochure.

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money; and that's not going to be easy, but that is what we see and if we can do this Natchitoches will be so much better for it," Welch emphasized.

This new Conference center will help Natchitoches in many ways. The first being the hotel a long time eye sore will be taken care of and put in uses. Another important factor will be the jobs that will be produced by the building of the hotel. There will be an estimated 350 low-skill jobs available to the public. The biggest and best outcome this project holds is the potential for more tourism. This will have a significant impact on the city and parish of Natchitoches.

The plans for the conference center, hotel and garage have taken many hours of planning and hard work, but will create an endless flurry of helpful repercussions that will help Natchitoches and surrounding areas for decades to come.

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said. "We have no power to do anything other than to provide advice. Think about it, if you are the president of any organization, you're not in the classroom, you're not in the service area, you're not in the dorm - how do you know what's going on there?"

The Planning Council will be looking for more volunteers next semester. Students from Shreveport, Fort Polk and Alexandria are also encouraged to be part of Action Teams too, Roach said.

"It is a never-ending process," Roach said. "Ultimately when the process gets going, it may be that we will be able to do this every semester."

The Action Teams will begin turning in their recommendations in April.

"We're expecting some very interesting things because we've got people from every area so we're going to get all sorts of different information," Roach said. "Nothing happens right now, it isn't going to change overnight, but it does give great input to the administration from areas where they would not have gotten it before."

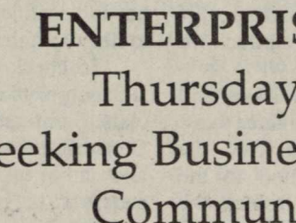
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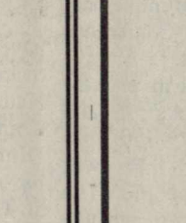


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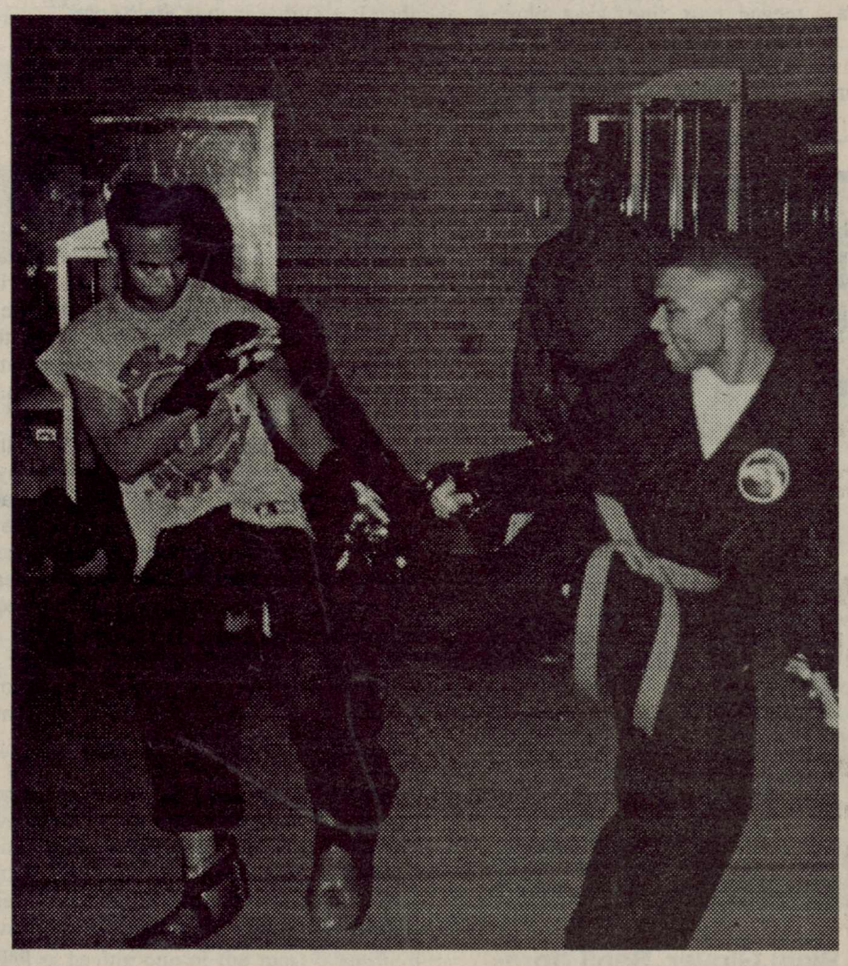
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Features

Kenpo karate classes offering students skills in physical fitness and self-defense; class incorporates karate, jujitsu, kenpo and kung fu

Sara Farell
Staff reporter



Two students spar in Sensei Roy "Bruce" Adams kenpo karate class taught in the P.E. Majors Building

With a loud "Kee-yah!" Natchitoches students line up at the Twin Dragon Kenpo Karate Academy for their latest training session.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Sensei Roy "Bruce" Adams instructs his students in calisthenics, self-defense techniques, and the traditional dance-like movements known as katas.

Kajukenfu kenpo karate incorporates karate, jujitsu, kenpo, and kung fu in its system.

"It hits every aspect of your life," Adams, a second degree black belt, said. "It depends how traditional you are. Kenpo is a little more traditional. We concentrate on the Filipino aspect quite a bit."

From the knowledge and experience gathered by Adams during his 17-year involvement, students derive a sense of tradition, respect, and discipline—both self-imposed and external.

"I got involved because karate is something I always wanted to learn," Adams said. "The first goal I had was to become a black belt. I decided to look for a formal class...and to teach."

Adams accepts students as young as 5 years of age if they pick up the basics and a sense of respect. His eldest students are in their 30's.

"I'm interested in the art for discipline and training and for my health," Paul Sonnier, a graduate student, said. "I found a good instructor, and what I've learned has gone beyond the surface."

"I decided to take it because I wanted to learn a martial art," freshman Angelina Campos said. "And to stay fit."

Other students enroll due to an active enjoyment of karate and kung fu movies. Some appreciate the system itself with the training and style it represents.

"The first time, I just wanted to," Richard Ratcliff, a first degree black belt and NSU student, said. "And I also realize that everything you see on TV is not real."

And then there are some who influenced each other to join.

"I saw Richard's technique, and I just had to learn that style," NSU sophomore Michael Williams said.

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A&E

A mix of Public Enemy, the Police, Bob Marley, AC/DC and Helmet equals dubwar

lesa thompson
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dubwar
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Earache Records

The band dubwar is home in the United Kingdom getting ready to start a headlining tour in Australia. They've been together for almost four years and are originally from Newport, Whales. They've toured extensively throughout Europe and their music has spent time on the UK Top 40.

With their new full length release, *pain*, dubwar are hoping to take America by storm and add the entire population to their fan base.

No matter what sort of music a person generally listens to, he's bound to find something to his liking with dubwar. Their sound has something in it for everyone, which is probably due to the fact that dubwar's members listen to everything from Public Enemy to the Police, and Bob Marley to AC/DC and Helmet.

The music on *pain* even keeps someone like me, who has the attention span of a spastic toddler on speed, from getting bored.

And just in case my opinion isn't expert enough for you, even Sepultura's Max Cavalera keeps an autographed copy of a dubwar disc in his collection.

The music on pain covers all the ground from Reggae to Punk, Funk and Metal. The members of dubwar left no stone unturned in their attempt to bring in a little bit of this and a little bit of that. The *pain* album is nothing short of a good bowl of musical gumbo—it's hot and spicy, and once you get a taste, you won't be able to put it down.

Benji, vocalist of dubwar, was more than happy to sit down and do a telephone interview with me from the Earache office in New York. After just the first minute of conversation, I felt like I'd just made myself a friend. He's easy-going, highly spiritual and a very funny guy. (One of his favorite tales is of his bass player richi glover's dog beating up Robert Plant's [of Led Zepplin fame] dog in a pub somewhere in the British countryside). And as sweet as Benji is, I guess I can find it in my heart to forgive him for not being in love with the idea of females taking up the sport of boxing.

Anyway, here's what my new friend had to say about everything from racism to Robert DeNiro.

lt: First of all, let me tell you that I think you're an excellent vocalist, and you have really good range, particularly in the song "pain."

B: Thanks very much. *Pain* was a song that was written quite quickly, ya know? We had two jams, and the song was there.

lt: Who does the majority of the songwriting?

B: We, as a whole, really. What we usually do is just start jamming something, and whatever sticks against the wall, we use. We pick a title and everyone jots down a couple of lines.

lt: That's odd compared to most bands who let the songwriting fall on the vocalist and guitarist.

B: I don't like it like that because this band is a unit. If you're sweating, bleeding and crying together, then everyone should have input into every song, even if it's just two or three lines. I don't like it when it's all me. It shouldn't just be me there, it should be dubwar. It's like a table with four legs, and if either one of the legs is missing, then it's not as strong as it should be.

lt: Where did the name dubwar come from?

B: Dubwar is from the sounds we use, the clash of sounds. In Jamaica, which is not where I'm from, I'm Welsh, but anyway, in the dance halls in Jamaica, they get two sound systems going at the same time and it's like a war of music.

When we were jamming, I thought it reminded me of a dubwar because we've got richi playing a reggae bass line, ging playing a funky drum beat, and jeff doing sort of like a Metallica guitar, or AC/DC or something. So I said it was like a sound clash or a dubwar, and we decided to use it for a name.

lt: What does the song title "Gorrit" mean?

B: Suppose I sent you to the store to get me a can of Coke and some biscuits, I would say 'Have you gorrit?' It's slang for "got it." But where I come from, we would never say 'got it.' Only people with money would say 'got it,' the posh people born into the la-tee-dah's families. We don't talk like that. We talk like scummy British kids.

lt: I know what you mean, I'm from Chalmette, it's the same idea. So anyway, you guys did a tour with Biohazard, right?

B: Yeah. We went with them on their last European tour. It was pretty mad and crazy.

lt: Did you have a good time?

B: Yeah, a great time. The guys in the band who looked after themselves, we had really good conversations with them. It was good, because they were the first people I really met from America. Them, Downset and Dog Eat Dog. That was the only impression I had of American people except from the television.

It was good, too, because we got to go to Poland, and not that many bands get to go there. It was a great tour.

lt: So getting all your impressions of Americans from the television, you've probably watched all the crapola surrounding the Simpson trials and figure we're all racists or something.

B: Well, I haven't felt any racism since I've been here myself, but I've only been here for ten minutes— I wouldn't know what it's like to grow up here and go to school. But there's racism all over, whether it be cultural, or religion, or color.

lt: Does anyone ever sweat ya'll for being of different races?

B: Never. We've never really felt nothing like that, not directed at us, at me being black and them being white. We've had some weird experiences, but that's just because of people being ignorant and just wanting trouble.

lt: I know it's got to scare you when something like that happens. It's like being caught in a movie or something. Speaking of which, do ya'll ever watch any American movies?

B: Oh yeah, all the time, man! I love Robert DeNiro, he's my favorite actor. Everything he touches, I don't care what people say about it, from Frankenstein right up to Mean Streets, he's my man. I usually like the characters he plays, he picks good roles. I even liked the monster in Frankenstein.

lt: Have you ever seen Pulp Fiction?

B: I've seen Pulp Fiction, yeah.

lt: What did you think?

B: I did like it, but I think that guy, Quentin Tarantino, I think he's a bit twisted. And also, the part where the black guy at the end gets raped, I think that's his fantasy—he just put his fantasy onto reality, I really do.

I think it was a bit too...it was unnecessary. There could have been anything happening except for a big black gangster getting dealt with at the backside by a little white man. It was like, come on now—It didn't freak me out, but I know a lot of people were upset with that part.

lt: If the scene would have had a woman in it instead of a man, would that have been any less shocking?

B: I think anything, if it was a woman, a cat, or a dog, it would have been a bit heavy. It was a bit too heavy. The rape scene was a bit too much. But like I said, the guy's weird anyway. But he can have a fantasy in his mind and put in onto paper, and someone buys it off of him.

He gets paid for that.

lt: And he's pretty successful at it, too. If you guys could reach the level of success of a particular band, who would it be?

B: Led Zeppelin. It's success, but it aint a 'selling-out' success. That's powerful success. I would like the sort of success that's strong, and it lasts, it's not just a wash in the pan. People still listen to Zeppelin now and say 'yeah,' and that's the sort of success I'd like.

With a little bit of luck on their side, dubwar ought to be able to reach whatever level of success they're aiming for.



dubwar, from l to r: Ging, Richi Glover, Benji (foreground), and Jeff Rose

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Our View

Columns may crumble to ruins

One thing that has come to our attention here at NSU is the appearance of the University's most important symbol, the three columns.

These three columns we are speaking of were once a part of one of the most beautiful mansions in this area of Louisiana. They symbolize both the beginning and the end of our college careers, help to beautify our already lovely campus and symbolically unite us with Northwestern students of the past and those yet to come.

Though we are not die hard proponents of the campus beautification project, we believe these objects of NSU's identification deserve more attention.

"do we care about what happens to the symbol of our beloved University?"

Northwestern is known as having one of the most beautiful campuses in Louisiana. The brick walkways enhance the "Natchitoches" look of the University and the new flowerbeds in front of the Post Office have done wonders to improve the "walking to class" experience.

But as for the columns, the white paint is chipping badly and the spotlight that is supposed to illuminate them either is broken or never turned on.

Our question is this: Do we, the students, faculty and staff really care about what happens to the symbol of our beloved University?

In the future, after we have graduated and disappeared from both Natchitoches and this campus, many of us would like to return and sit under the columns to reminisce about the past and the years at Northwestern State University.

You might be wondering why in the world anyone would want to sit under the columns. The answer is because they are more than just historical columns that held up a mansion. They are as much a part of each and every one of us as they are a part of the University.

We are asking the administration to, in the near future, have the columns fixed and repainted so that we and any other graduate who began their career on this campus can return in years to come to see the symbol of our college years. We also ask that the spotlight be used to light the columns so that they can be seen in the dark.

We ask the students to take the time to walk over to the columns, sit next to them and think about what they mean.

Northwestern is not the columns, the classes, the dorm life, or even the ARAMARK food. It is all of us and our experiences here, and the columns symbolize it all.

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Columnist pays homage to African-American achievers who made so much possible

Guest Columnist

Shawntell L. Lewis

The quest for freedom began many years ago when African-Americans decided to capitalize on their beauty and brilliance, their lives and loves, and most importantly on their views and voices.

It began with a race of people with only one courageous life to live, one chance to achieve the impossible dream, one uncompromising goal, and their belief in only one God. The struggle continued with a race of people that refused to bow down to racial injustice, brutal lynchings, political insecurity, and a denial of their equal rights.

Only once a year, America pauses to pay tribute to all of the warriors of African ancestry that has made an outstanding contribution to the betterment of this country.

Black History is so much more than a celebration of unforgettable names and events, but it is a celebration of remarkable men and women that stood the test of time and has given a new meaning to the words persistence, endurance and struggle.

Although captured, stolen, separated from their families, homes, and customs, African-Americans were able to rise above all adversities and contribute to the fabric of this nation.

Black History tells a story that is engaging, rich, and filled with trials and tribulations containing sacrifices by individuals that we'll never know. Somebody, somewhere cared enough to carry the burden of injustice, so that all blacks could enjoy the freedoms of today.

Rosa Parks, a women who refused to give up her seat to a white person simply because she was tired, initiated the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Because of one women's bravery, blacks now have the freedom to sit wherever they choose to on any form of public transportation.

Jackie Robinson was the first black baseball player in the International Baseball League, Because of his persistence blacks now have the freedom to play in any form of athletic sport that they choose to participate in.

Lewis Latimer invented and patented the first electronic light bulb with a carbon filament which Edison developed into the modern lamp.

Tanner Alexander received her Doctorate of Economics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1921, making her the first black women to received a PhD in the United States.

James Baldwin, a survivor of the ghetto, was one of the premiere black authors in Black Literature. Also, William W. Brown was the first black who published both a novel and a drama.

Gen. Daniel James Jr. won the distinguished "flying cross" as a result of his efforts in Vietnam and received his rank of full General in 1975.

William 0. Walker graduated from Oberlin Business College in 1918. In 1932, he went to Cleveland and founded the Call and Post Newspaper, which paved the way for other black newspapers.

Last but certainly not least, Dorris Roque Robinson, James Johnson and June Cofield were the first blacks to integrate Northwestern State University here in Natchitoches, LA.

There were thousands that endured hardships and paid the ultimate price for freedom which were their lives. Black History tells of an incontestable, indomitable, and indispensable spirit of people that has given so much to the rich soil of America's History.

Let each of us learn from the great voices of yesterday, so that we all can create a brighter tomorrow.

Student tired of all of the whining and complaining around campus

Guest Columnist

Paul Ayo

It seems as though every time I turn around I have to hear another person incessantly complaining about something. People will complain about anything and everything these days.

Whether it's not being able to find a parking spot that is close enough to their class so they will not have to traverse the enormous distances we have here at Northwestern, or that the powers that be will not allow a lowly student to have the precious extra container of Polynesian sauce that his life will not be complete without, everyone has something that gets under their skin and compels them to moan, whine and bitch to all their friends and fellow students.

Well guess what, this is the wrong thing to do!

If something really bothers you that much that you feel every one around you must know, why don't you get up and complain to someone who really counts. I am not trying to say that your precious best friend in the whole world is not important.

What I am saying is that most of the the people you are whining to can't do anything about these problems. If you believe something is so ridiculous or just has to be changed you need to go to someone or some organization that has the power do something about these problems.

Depending on the what you want accomplished they should tell you who to go to and hopefully attain a working solution. Everything that happens at this school of higher learning has someone in charge. Find this person and make them listen to what you have to say.

Remember Northwestern is where the student comes first! It is about time that we make this statement the undeniable truth. The administration of this esteemed University is here for you the student.

When you have a specific problem go to the powers that be and tell them something has to be done to about this right now.

This is where the fun begins. "What will they say," you ask. That is not the point! What is important is getting the complaint out in the open and into the ears of those people that need to hear the complaints.

You may very well hear that nothing can be done or that it is out of their control. This is when you have to go that next step and take it higher.

You can't expect for anything to be easy in this life, but since you found it important enough that you had to tell all your friends about it why is it not important enough to try and get something done about it.

This great land we refer to as America was founded on the principle that we must do something about things that need to be changed. If our for Fathers had sat back and allowed kings and governments to run amuck we would not be the greatest country in the world.

If we as the descendants just sit around and allow these things to continue who can tell what would happen. Do not allow this section of humanity we call Natchitoches to become a bunch of mindless twits wondering around aimlessly.

Stand up, band together if nec-

Letters to the Editor

Death of student illustrates dangers of drinking and driving

Dear Editor,

I appreciate what the Kappa Alpha Fraternity did for their brother Michael Self in the February 4 issue of the Current Sauce. I myself am not a member of the KA's or any other fraternity on campus. I am however one of Michael's best friends. I have known him since before grade school and we graduated from high school together.

His death was premature to all of us who knew and loved him. A whole town was sent into a depression because of his death and many Christmas, were marred with pain. Who was this young man, this NSU student? He was no saint. . . he was simply Michael W. Self. His careless mistake and lack of judgment cost him his life here with us.

Those of us who knew him, and those at the funeral who made promises to him and to God knows why he died. Do we still keep those promises? My Brother in Christ and friend had a weakness. Sometimes, he wanted to fit in no matter what the cost was. Those of us who understand what it means to lose a loved one because of alcohol knows it stinks. My grandfather died because of it, and now my best friend. The two can not be replaced, but they can send a warning to others about the danger of alcohol.

The next time you make the decision to drink and/or drink and drive, remember Michael leaves behind a father who will never get his little boy back, a grandmother who has lost her baby boy, and a brother and sister who have lost a part of themselves. He has also left behind those of us who loved and cared about him. Who will you leave behind? I'll see you on the other side Michael.

Aaron Whatley

Academic Advising Center and Office of Disabled Student Services draw praise

Dear Editor,

Today the average individual can once again work towards and achieve a new position in society with the help of various institutions, support and hard work.

After many years in the work force, I was forced to return to college. A lack of a quality education and a disabling job injury made it impossible for me to continue in my previous field of work.

I am currently enrolled at Natchitoches State University and am a non-traditional student. I wish to state that it was hard to return to college after so long. However, with the help, encouragement, and guidance from the well-organized and highly efficient Academic Advising Center and Office of Disabled Student Services at NSU, I have managed to come a long way in obtaining the education I need to succeed in today's world.

I wish to thank Ms. Janey Barnes, the current coordinator and my personal advisor, who has helped me, through encouragement and guidance over the past few years.

Here at NSU, the Academic Advising and Disabled Student Services Center workers such as Sandra Grillette, Shelly Long, and Lori Fischner are readily available to help those in need of assistance. Support services here offer students a chance to evaluate their college goals, suitable educational plans, and individual needs. This center is currently located on the NSU main campus and on the third floor of the Watson Library.

I wish to encourage current students and other thinking of returning to college, to check out the opportunities available to them at NSU. By taking the time to be counseled by the courteous and friendly staff at this facility, you won't be disappointed. I hope NSU will continue to stand behind it's logo "where student's come first."

I feel that the University should increase funding and staff in the Academic Services and Disabled Student Services Center in order to help service others like myself. I feel truly privileged to have such a service available to me on campus. Ms. Barnes and her workers care about the students they serve. NSU is blessed to have such a dedicated and hard-working group of people serving in the college facility. Thank you and God bless you all at the Academic Advising and Disabled Student Services Center.

Glenn D. Dowden

Sports

Softball team starts off season on right foot

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

Brandy Kenney had a big triple in the first game against Southeastern and was one of the catalysts in a two game sweep of Southeastern Louisiana on Tuesday in Hammond.

The Lady Demons won both games in the doubleheader 3-2 and 7-2 to push their record up to 2-6 overall. Becca Allen hit a dinger in the first game and Cindy Leggett struck out four batters as she improved to 1-2 on the season.

In the second game five Lady Demons had two hits each including Misty Carraway who had a double and a three run dinger. Pitcher Jennifer Owens stuck out four and improved to 1-1 on the young season.

The Lady Demons traveled to Monroe Friday to play in the Northeast Mardi Gras Classic. In the first game against Northern Illinois, Laura Patton pitched a six-hit game and hit a grand slam dinger to lead the Lady Demons to a 7-4 victory. Becca Allen also added a two run homer to pace the Lady Demon hitting attack.

In the next game in the tournament the Lady Demons played Oklahoma City. The game was close the whole way but in the 6th and 7th innings Oklahoma City got runs to beat the Lady Demons 3-1. Tammy Peck had a single and a double to lead the Lady Demon hitting attack, but it was not enough as the Lady's stranded eight runners on base.

On Saturday the Lady Demons lost two heartbreaking one-run games to McNeese State and Centenary. In the McNeese game the Lady Demons got off to a early 2-0 lead and were leading 3-2 in the forth inning. Then the bottom dropped out for the Lady Demons as McNeese scored five in the next two innings to take a 7-2 lead. The lady Demons made a late charge in the top of the 7th inning but came up short in the 7-6 loss.

Errors were the big problem in this game as the Lady Demons held the Cowgirls to only 3 hits in the game but they had 7 errors which helped McNeese pull out the victory.

Jennifer Owen pitched a great game but the Lady Demons just had problems fielding the softball. The Centenary game was a extra innings affair that the Lady Demons lost 1-0. The Ladies played a error free game but they could not pick up a run in the bottom of their eighth inning to keep the game going.

The Lady Demons made it out of pool play in the tournament to play in the championship bracket with sixteen other teams and their opponent in this game was the University of Tulsa.

The Lady Demons played their best game of the tournament as they killed Tulsa 11-1. The Lady Demons had 16 hits in the game and Becca Allen smashed her third home run of the season in the game. Freshman outfielder Kelli Burke, had three singles in the game and Shante' Jones, added two RBI singles in the Lady Demons big win.

In a quarterfinal game the Lady Demons next opponent was Louisiana Tech.

Cindy Legget threw seven shutout innings but it was not enough as the Lady Techsters exploded for five runs in the top of the eighth inning and the Lady Demons lost 5-0.

The Lady Demons play their first home game of the season when they play Centenary in a doubleheader on Wednesday at 1:00.

Demons win one out of three in Rice Big Ball Classic

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

The Northwestern baseball team hit the road last weekend winning one out of three games in the Rice Big Ball Classic in Houston.

Friday the Demons played No. 5 ranked Oklahoma. Batting first, the Demons didn't score which gave Oklahoma the lead after the first inning with 4 runs.

As the game progressed in the top of the fourth, short stop, Tony Pezely, hit a home run to right field bringing in 4 runs for the Demons.

"We have been great on the bases," Head coach Dave Van Horn said. "The one area where we need to improve is our overall team hitting. We are still getting timely hits, but I would like to see an increase in our average."

By the bottom of the ninth, the Demons didn't score any runs with a loss to Oklahoma State, 8 to 12, catcher Ryan Appleton walked and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Niki Moses singled to center field, Appleton scored for the Demons. Robert Hewes hit a single to right field as Moses advanced to third.

As Brent Trosclair singled to center field Hewes advanced to second and Mosses scored. Trosclair advanced to second on a passed ball and Hewes to third on a passed ball. Brent Fenster walked. Randy Tennyson pinch ran for Fenster and scored. The Demons finished the last inning victorious with 5 runs, 4 hits and 0 errors.

"This was a great experience for our players," Van Horn said.

The Demons picked back up against Cincinnati (0-2) in a 10 to 9 victory for the Demons.

In the first inning Rob Hewes walked and stole second and third scoring a run for the Demons, Cincinnati with no runs.

In the bottom of the ninth,

"We have been great on the bases. The one area where we need to improve is our overall team hitting."
Coach Dave Van Horn

By the fifth inning, Rice had scored five runs and was gaining on the Demons. Undoubtedly, the Demons had a 14 run loss to Rice at Cameron Field in Houston. The final score was 14 to 0, Rice.

As the weekend came to an end, the Demons had one more team to face on Sunday, No. 4 ranked Rice University.

Rice University started out with a home run to right field scoring 1 run for the first inning.

The Demons will be on the road again visiting LSU tonight at 7 p.m.

The Demons will be back home this weekend at Brown-Stroud Field playing against Texas-Arlington.

A double-header will begin Saturday at noon and the Demons will play again Sunday at 1p.m.



Robert Hewes,second baseman for the Demons slides into third. Hewes, a senior from Mesa, Az., is an All-Conference candidate and has started for the Demons as second baseman for two years.
photo by Eric Dutile

SLC tournament hopes over for basketball team

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Demon men's basketball team had alot to think about for one whole week before their big showdown with Northeast Louisiana in Monroe. If they win the game they would gain a chance to move into second place in the Southland Conference and with that goes a first round bye in the post season SLC tournament. All they had to do was beat Northeast in Monroe something they had not done since 1991.

"We played very hard tonight, we just got out-athleted by Northeast in the game."
Coach J.D. Barnett

On Saturday night though, those visions of second place came crashing down as the scrappy Demons put up a good fight but lost 87-75.

Coach J.D. Barnett was very discouraged about the loss and said after the game, "we played very hard tonight, we just got out athleted by Northeast in the game."

Indeed what Barnett said was true as the Demons won every statistical battle in the game except for one which killed them, and that was turnovers.

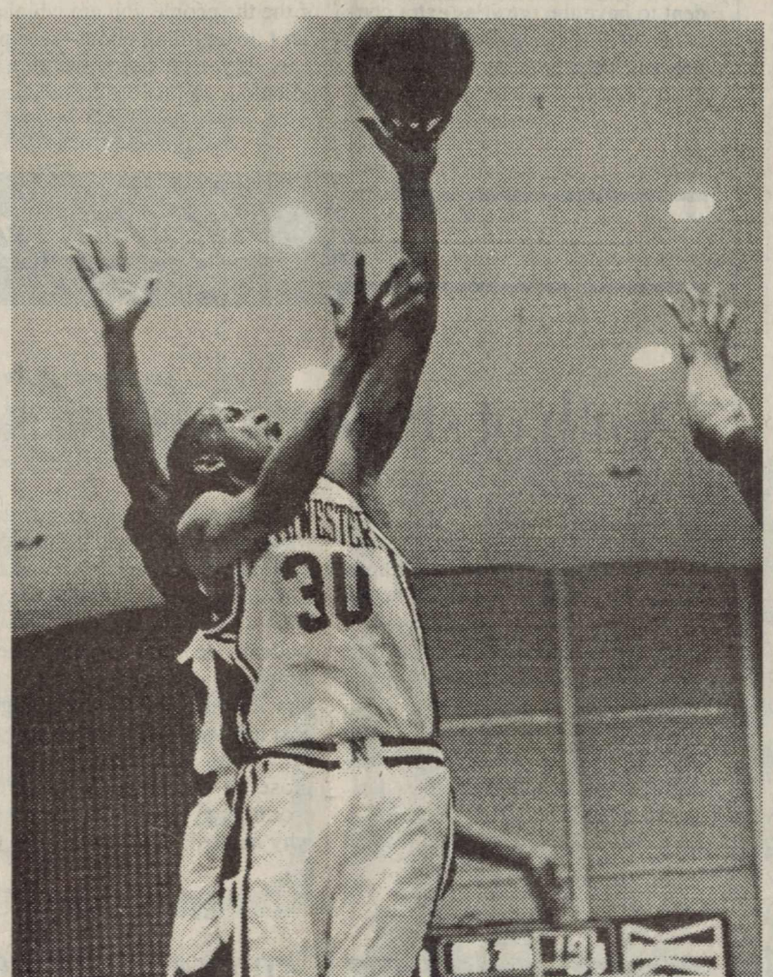
Northwestern had 21 turnovers in the game to 13 for Northeast and even with the great performance that the Demons turned in, it is hard to overcome a whole lot of turnovers in any game and win.

Ryan Bundy and Stephen Barnes led the Demon scoring attack with 15 and 14 points respectively.

Sam Alexander had seven rebounds for the Demons who outrebonded the Indians of Northeast 38-34 and shot 50 percent from the field in the losing effort.

"Anthony Cook was the difference for them because we did not have anybody to guard him," said coach Barnett about Cook who had 21 points in the game. Ryan Bundy who also had five assists in the game knew that the Demons had let a grand opportunity slip away. "We just couldn't get that big defensive stop that we needed in order to take the lead"Bundy said after the game.

All was not lost, as the Demons got into the Southland Conference tournament when Nicholls State and McNeese won on Saturday night, wrapping up a spot for the Demon's in the post season tournament that starts next Wednesday in Shreveport. The Demons finish the regular season next Saturday in Arlington,Texas where they will play Texas Arlington. With the loss the Demons record dropped to 12-13 overall and 8-7 in the conference where they are all alone in fourth place.



Charles Duncan goes for a basket against Northeast last Saturday night.
photo by Eric Dutile

Sauce columnist challenges entire campus over NCAA championship

Just a Fan
Don Harper

This is the challenge, we, Don Harper, Elizabeth V. Crump, and Bryan Satawa, the sports writers for the *Sauce* are going to make our picks for the 1997 NCAA men's basketball tournament. We are challenging you to out do us.

This challenge is not just for the athletically minded male. The brackets are easy to understand and easy to fill out. Any dim-witted goober should be able to do this. Each team will be listed in its first round game with its opponent and its ranking in the region. Make your picks and take your licks. You're going down, baby!!!

When this paper comes out on Tuesday Feb. 25, 1997 you will only have 15 days to make your choices and have them submitted for the 1997 NCAA men's basketball tournament. The paper published on the 12th it will have the brackets for you to make your picks. All brackets must be in by 3 p.m. on the 13th. This is free people, and you can win something. Prizes have not yet been finalized but I can assure you that it will be worth your while.

The rules for this extravaganza are as follows:

All brackets submitted will have to be turned in no later than 3 p.m. Thursday Feb. 13, 1997 the first day of the tournament.

All brackets must be turned into the Journalism office room 152 of Kyser Hall or room 225 of Kyser Hall.

All brackets must be filled out in their entirety. (This means fill the whole thing out.)

The writers of the *Sauce* are not eligible for any of the prizes. We are just competing to show you up.

In the case of that two people pick the same champion we will go to the previous round and compare the total teams remaining. We will do this until we find a winner or we have several winners. All winners will receive equal prizes.

Only NSU students will be eligible for prizes but all who read the *Sauce* are welcome to submit their picks.

If you cannot seem to muster up the energy to take this challenge then I hope you get up to go to the bathroom. That is all the energy that it will take to complete the bracket.

This is my final challenge to the I-know-all-there-is-to-know-sports-fan and to the Lambda Lambda Lambda fraternity brothers get off your duff and take the challenge.

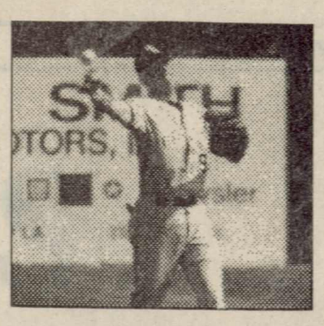
Oh, one last thing, I reserve the right to change the rules at any time. This is my game and if you don't like it I will my pieces and go home.

My Motto: If you are satisfied with who you are today you will go no farther.

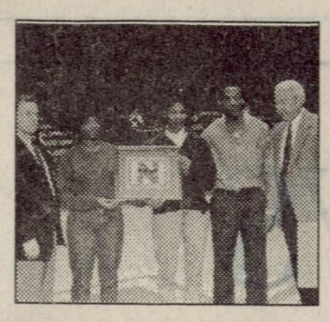
But, if you desire to know more, experience more, and be more then you will.

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Get the latest information on NSU baseball inside. See page 6 for details



Curious as to who was inducted into the "Nth Degree" this weekend? See page 2 to find out.

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Coretta Scott King visits NSU; speaks about her husband, education, dreams

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

When she met her future husband, Martin Luther King Jr., in Boston during college, Coretta Scott didn't see him as someone particularly special - that came later, Coretta Scott King said during a lecture Wednesday at Prather Coliseum.

"When I met him as a young man I thought how unaffected he is," Mrs. King said. "None of us knew that he was going to be the leader of such a movement."

Mrs. King gave the audience an insider's view of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"He was a very warm, loving, kind, understanding and giving kind of person," Mrs. King said. "He was a lot of fun and had a great sense of humor."

When alone with his family and friends, Dr. King would entertain them with jokes. This was a side of Dr. King that the public didn't often see because while in public he was always dealing with serious issues, Mrs. King said.

During the lecture Mrs. King also mentioned her family's role in the movement to schedule a new trial for James Earl Ray, the man convicted of killing her husband in 1968.

The King family called for a new trial for Ray after a judge ruled that technology could now prove whether authorities had indeed found the weapon that killed her husband.

"We have called for a new trial because we believe that this and other evidence that has emerged can only be properly considered in a court of law," Mrs. King said. "We feel that it is important not only for the sake of our family but for the nation and for history that every opportunity be made for truth and justice to prevail."

Mrs. King also discussed affirmative action, the importance of education, the necessity of dreaming and our movement toward the next century. She used words from one of her husband's last sermons to emphasize the consciousness people must adopt as they enter the next century and as they "prepare for the struggles that lie ahead."

"There is deep down within us an instinct," Mrs. King read. "It is kind of a drum major instinct. A desire to be out front. A desire to lead the parade. A desire to be first. And it is something that runs the whole gamut of life. And the great issue of life is to harness the drum major instinct.

"If you want to be important, wonderful. If you want to be great, wonderful. But recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant," Mrs. King said. "That is your new definition of greatness. It means that everybody can be great because everybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."

Mrs. King then challenged the audience to become drum majors.

"I hope you will become drum majors in those areas of lasting value," Mrs. King said. "Be a drum major for justice. Be a drum major for equal rights. Be a drum major for love. Be a drum major for righteousness. Be a drum major for peace. Be a drum major for the beloved community with all of your heart and soul and you will be that servant.



Coretta Scott King spoke to a coliseum full of students and community leaders last week as part of NSU's Distinguished Lecture series. Mrs. King gave her views on James Earl Ray, affirmative action and her husband. Photo by Steve Evans

"We can create the beloved community that Martin Luther King Jr. envisioned," Mrs. King said. "Let us build a society based on love and compassion and let us not only dream but create a new global unity unburdened by bigotry and violence and strengthened by a conscious commitment to prosperity through interracial brother and sisterhood."

Community Theater depends on "regular" people with "regular" lives and careers

Tatum Lyles
News editor

The members of the Natchitoches Community Theater, who both hold full-time jobs and act, are currently rehearsing the play "Bus Stop," which is scheduled to begin March 13.

According to "Bus Stop" director Robert West, the people involved with the play spend countless hours preparing lines and rehearsing, and also hold jobs within the community.

Some of the everyday careers held by actors and others working on the production of "Bus Stop" include working at a local hospital, teaching and managing a furniture store.

One of those working on the play is NSU 22's Chief Broadcasting Engineer, Roy Davis. "I'm responsible for the lighting, for the sound cues... and I help the director build and paint the set," Davis said.

The many hours put into the play serve not only as entertainment for the audience, they also help the actors develop relationships with each other and lessen their stress levels.

A father-son combo also adds personality and friendship to the cast. Rick Terril, who currently manages a local furniture store, was asked by his son to participate in the production.

The theater also allows some people time to get away from their hectic everyday activities.

"It (the theater) is a release," Davis said. "I've always enjoyed theater," said Zbitkovskis. "With the theater program at Northwestern, you have to live, breathe and eat it, and I just don't have time to do that."

Though the cast of "Bus Stop" spends many hours rehearsing and putting together the visual aids for the production, the play itself is not difficult to assemble. "There is nothing really hard to putting the play together," said Davis. "Everything has been fun and gone together real well."

"We're up here 16 plus hours, plus the time I do at home," said Oona O. Zbitkovskis, a Northwestern student.

So where does funding for the Community Theater come from? According to West, a grant was received from the Shreveport Regional Art Council. The theater also gains the support of the Natchitoches Art Council.

The money received from those people who come to see the play will be donated, as it has been in the past, to charity. Last year, the money collected went to benefit the American Cancer Society, but this year the charity is yet to be chosen.

The theater not only helps whatever charity the funds are donated to, it also provides the actors and others involved in putting it all together time away from the everyday stress of life. "It's (the theater) a release," Davis said.

"My big dream is, of course, to eventually build up the membership and get the contribution of the community behind the Community Theater so that we can eventually do a big Broadway musical," said West.

Demons SLC tournament bound with eyes on possible NCAA tournament berth and meeting with No. 1 Kansas

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Northwestern State basketball team is a team on a mission - a mission to win three games and become part of what has become known as the insanity of "March Madness," - the NCAA basketball tournament.

The Demons will continue its mission as they tip it off in Shreveport against Stephen F. Austin at 8 p.m. tomorrow, in the Southland Conference basketball tournament at Hirsch Coliseum.

The Demons have handled SFA in both regular season games this year, winning 75-66 at SFA and 69-63 in Natchitoches. If the Demons win this game they will play Northeast Louisiana Friday night in the semi-finals of the tournament.

In what has been a amazing year for the Demons who were picked in all the preseason polls to finish eighth or ninth in the nine team Southland Conference, the Demons finished fourth.

Their 8-8 conference record was the best conference record since the 1988-89 team that also finished at 8-8 in the Southland Conference.

Even though the Demons lost their last regular season game to Texas Arlington 73-65, it seems that the Demons have good chance as anybody in the conference to win the SLC tournament and become the first team in Demon history to make it to the dance.

Coach J.D. Barnett should be commended, no matter what happens this week in Shreveport, for a job well done after a disastrous 5-21 season last year.

Barnett was upset about the loss against Texas Arlington.

"Our guys have to look deep within themselves between now and Wednesday and decide how they want this season to end," Barnett said. "Without a much better effort and performance from top to bottom, we'll be one-and-gone in Shreveport."

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> -J.D. Barnett

In looking back on the regular season the Demons have defiantly overachieved after losing five players who either left the team or transferred after last year's season.

Included in the exodus were the Demons' two leading scorers, Charlie Johnson who averaged 12 points a game and Gary Henderson who averaged 11 points a game last season. It would be a farce if Barnett is not elected coach of the year in the Southland Conference after the miracle job that he turned in this year.

Barnett is optimistic about the Demons' chances in the tournament.

"If we can crash the boards like we have done all season, and point guard Ryan Bundy steps it up a notch we can beat anybody in this league," Barnett said. "Bundy is the key to us winning and losing in the tournament because if he plays well it motivates our other guys (Sam Alexander, Stephen Barnes, Charles Duncan, and Seth Legrand) to play better as a team out on the floor."

Barnett encourages the student body to come to Shreveport, and get behind this team as they attempt to become the first team in Northwestern cager history to go to the NCAA tournament.

Tickets can be purchased at the gate in Shreveport for all the games in the Southland Conference Tournament for $30, or $5 individually for each game for students with a NSU ID.

Family and Consumer Sciences Building gets facelift



The renovation of the Family and Consumer Sciences Building continues as the department prepares for another step in the accreditation process.

photo by Steve Evans

News

Campus Briefs

Old blue jeans
The NSU Theater is looking for a few pairs of jeans for its upcoming production of West Side Story on April 16-19. Costume designer Sharon Foster, the theater can use either blue or black jeans in good condition. If you have a pair of jeans you would like to donate, contact Foster at 357-4310 weekdays from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Quiz Bowl championships
NSU will host the annual State Quiz Bowl Championship March 15 in Kyser Hall. Thirty-two high schools from throughout Louisiana will compete. Competition begins at 9 a.m. with the semifinals at 1 p.m. and the finals at 3:30 p.m. The semifinals and finals will be held in the Ora G. Williams Studio, room 142, in Kyser Hall.

Free tax preparation
Accounting students are offering free tax preparation assistance to low-income individuals. The service will be offered in room 206 of Morrison hall on Wednesday from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. while classes are in session. No appointment is needed. Electronic filing and /or direct deposit will be available. Students will be supervised by NSU accounting faculty. For additional information call 357-5161.

New director of enrollment services
Chris Maggio has been named director of enrollment services. His appointment has been approved by the University of Louisiana Board of Trustees. Maggio will oversee offices at NSU involved with the recruitment and retention of students. He will be responsible e for overseeing the development, implementation, maintenance and evaluation of services provided by the Offices of Admissions and Recruiting, Financial Aid and New Student Programs.

Natchitoches - Northwestern Symphony Orchestra
The Natchitoches - Northwestern Symphony Orchestra will present its first concert of the new years Sunday at 3 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. The orchestra will be conducted by Dr. George Adams. Some of the pieces on the program include Bach's "Harpsichord Concerto No. 5," "Suite No. 1" by Bizet from "L'Arlesienne," Claude Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Fawn," and "Tragic Overture" by Johannes Brahms.

Day Care Seminar
A four-week Day Care Seminar Series which began March 3 will run until March 24. The series, which is being held at England Airpark in Alexandria, is co-sponsored by NSU's Small Business Development Center and Child Development Center along with Connections: The Child Care Network. The seminars will be held on Manday evenings from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in room 161 at 1410 Neel Kearby at England Airpark. Each seminar is good for two certification hours. Participants can sign up for any number of the seminars and a discount is available for additional seminars. The cost of each workshop is $20. By registering and prepaying for three workshops, the cost is $45. For $60 participants can register and pre-pay for all four workshops. To preregister, contact Northwestern's Small Business Development Center in Alexandria at 484-2123 or by fax at 484-2126.

Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship applicants
The Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma is seeking scholarship applicants for the 1997-98 academic year. Applicants must be female Louisiana residents who plan to attend NSU and pursue a teaching career. Criteria that will be considered will include academic achievement, school activities, leadership positions and honors, community activities and a description of why the applicant is interested in a teaching career in public education. The deadline for all applications is March 10. For more information, contact the NSU Alumni Center at 357-4414.

Campus Connections

Campus Cleanup
All-student, all-organization campus cleanup will be held Saturday, March 15 at 9 a.m. beginning in front of the student union.

Club Geo
We will meet Wednesday, March 12 at noon in the Student Union, room 321.

Phi Mu Fraternity
Wear letters on Thursday. State Day is Saturday at Louisiana Tech University. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9 at 6 p.m. It will be a chapter development. Be sure to bring your purse for the CD activity. Dues should be paid by Sunday. (Phi Mu would like to show appreciation to Terria Ebarb for keeping the chapter very well informed of all activities.)

Sigma Sigma Sigma
Guess what Sigmas, we're in the playoffs! IM Playoffs will be Tuesday, March 4 at 6p.m. Sisterhood: Wednesday will be the Pirate exchange with KA. Thursday will be a softball meeting at 5 p.m. Saturday will be the trip to the Shriner's Hospital and the service project will be from 8 to 11 meeting at the A&P parking lot. Sunday is Family Day starting at 12. Monday is a formal committee meeting at 8:30.

Wesley Student Union
All Jubilee Conference activities will be at the Wesley Student Union at the following times: March 7 at 7 p.m.; March 8 at 9:30 p.m. (Lunch immediately following); March 8 at 7 p.m.; March 9 at 12:30

Interested in placing a campus connection?

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Nth Degrees given to track and field teammates, Richardson, Williams

Former NSU student-athletes Jerry Richardson and Vince Williams were honored posthumously last week with the presentation of "Nth Degrees" by NSU.

The "Nth Degree" is presented by President Dr. Randall J. Webb in recognition of unselfish devotion to duty and willingness to make an extra effort in meritorious service to mankind.

Richardson and Williams were track and field teammates in the late 1970s as undergraduates at NSU. Each became nationally renowned in his professional career, Richardson as a basketball coach and Williams as an actor and musician.

Both men died during the past year.

Williams, a Natchitoches native, became best known for his work from 1989-1996 in the continuing role of Hampton Speakes on the CBS Television soap opera "The Guiding Light." Williams became the first non-white contract performer on the longest running show in television history.

He was a founding member of Kolumbra Proud Images, a society of African-American performers dedicated to "fostering the African American aesthetic."

Williams did several other network television roles as well as commercials for McDonald's and Levi's 501 Jeans.

Williams performed in Off-Broadway theatrical productions and was developing a play at the time of his death.

Also a skilled jazz and zydeco musician, Williams was a member of the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band, the NSU Symphonic band and the Jazz Ensemble as an undergraduate. He was a member of Beau Jocque and the Zydeco Hi-Rollers along with Rosie Ledet and the Zydeco Playboys.

Williams passed away suddenly in January.

Richardson, a 1979 NSU graduate, was profiled in *Reader's Digest* for his work as a girl's basketball coach at Shiprock, N.M., a Navaho Indian reservation. Shiprock High had a 50 percent drop-out rate and students were plagued with low self-esteem, but Richardson, in just four seasons, turned the team and the school around.

By instilling in his players the value of hard work and the rewards associated with it. Richardson guided the Lady Chieftans to more than 200 victories, including four district titles, one state runner-up finish and four state championships.

The amazing about-face by the team and community was so profound that it inspired the *Readers' Digest* article and a television documentary.

Richardson, a native of Texarkana, Texas, became head women's basketball coach at Central Florida and led the Golden Knights to the NCAA Tournament last season in his second year.

Richardson died in an automobile accident Aug. 30, 1996 while on a recruiting trip.

Students may soon see improvements in campus living conditions

Tatum Lyles
News editor

This semester the members of the student body who reside on Northwestern's campus can look forward to improvements in the quality of residential life, beginning with the renovation of Rapides.

Rapides Dormitory is the largest male dorm on Northwestern's campus. It is able to hold 627 students and, according to several students who live there, not in very good shape.

These improvements will, however cost the students. Beginning in the fall semester, students may see an addition of $75 to their dormitory fees if the request, submitted by NSU, is approved by the Board of Regents.

"The paint is peeling off of the walls and my neighbors have no clue about how to respect other people," said Kevin Brough, a sophomore business administration major. "I only wish that everyone's parents would teach them how to behave like adults and how to treat other peoples' property."

"It is about time they renovate Rapides," said Brian Duval, a freshman broadcast journalism major. "It is very welcome. I just hope that they can do it fast."

According to Harold Boutte, director of Auxiliary Services, the south side of the dorm is now undergoing the renovation process. The paint will be touched up, the desks and chairs replaced, and the overall look of the inside of Rapides, modernized.

"It is long overdue and it is something I think will enhance the students' academic performance," Boutte said.

Although this is the time when dorm renovation will see its biggest improvement, it has not gone untouched in the past.

Varnado and Boozeman are two of the dorms that have already seen the minor improvements used to keep them in shape. According to residents, these two dorms are in good shape, and only need minor touchups.

"Varnado is a wonderful place to live," said sophomore art education major Carrie Shepherd. "The rooms are nice, the restrooms are clean and most importantly, the residents living there seem to respect each other. The only problem is that the chairs do not fit under the desks."

With the attention of the University turned to residential life, students can rest assured that they are being heard by the administration. "This is an example of us listening to students," said Northwestern President Randall J. Webb.

According to Boutte, Rapides will hopefully be completed by August and Sabine is next to undergo the improvement process.

This week at Northwestern

4-28
Guest Art Exhibition, Mary Lou Lusk, oil paintings. Hanchey Art Gallery (upstairs)
4-28
Faculty Art Exhibit, featuring Bill Bryant, Hanchey Art Gallery (downstairs)
3-7
Senior Art Exhibit, Ryan Wilson, multimedia constructions, Closet Gallery Receptions for March 3 exhibitions at 7 p.m.
4
Tennis vs. Northeast Louisiana, Jack Fisher Tennis Complex, 1 p.m.
5
Baseball vs. Lamar (DH), Brown-Stroud Field, 2 p.m.
5
Junior Recital, Sara Diehl, oboe, Magale Recital Hall, 5 p.m.
5-8
Men's, women's basketball, Century Cellunet SLC Classic, Hirch Coliseum, Shreveport
6
NSU Jazz Band Concert, Magale Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
8
District Literary Rally, Friedman Student Union, Bienvenu and Williamson Halls, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
8
Track and Field, Northwestern Relays, Demon Track Complex
8
Tennis vs. Stephen F. Austin, Jack Fisher Tennis Complex, 10 a.m.
8
Tennis vs. Sam Houston, Jack Fisher Tennis Complex, 10 a.m.

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Features

Writers issue conflicting reviews for production of "A Doll House"

Catherine Gill
Staff reporter

Jim Stacy's rendition of "A Doll House," a play by Henrik Ibsen, was currently performed at Theatre West here at Northwestern." A Doll House" is a realistic "problem play" which incorporates everyday life into the form of entertainment.

In this tragedy, a wife, mother, and woman named Nora comes to terms that she is not merely a plaything to her husband, but a human being. Nora realizes that she must leave her husband and her "Brady Bunch" (ideal, perfect) family thus defying society. The underlying theme is that inherent among us it is our decision to be a human being-whether it is woman or man.

Stacy's interpretation is clearly equal in comparison to the author's writing, with the exception of minor changes in the names of the characters and the setting.

A primary difficulty in directing A Doll House would be the search for actors and actresses that could sufficiently portray the well developed characters of the play.

One cannot say that one actor or actress was any better than another. All were exceptional. However, it may be noted that Heather Child, who played the role of Nora, appeared actually to think that she was Nora. Child shows great emotion and does not even seem to notice the mistakes of the other actors/actresses; she continues acting.

Another quality of Child is that she projects beauty and sexiness which compliments the character of Nora. This is a characteristic that all too many directors may leave out, feeling that as long as an actress can act the part, they will do just fine during the performance. However, since Nora is a personality depends on her beauty, the actress must possess that trait. Child does.

As well as Child's acting, Peter Schmidt, who plays the role of Stewart Helmer, does an outstanding job also. At the denouement, when all loose ends are tied up and the drama is resolved, Schmidt reveals that he is truly an accomplished actor.

This is seen during the bedroom scene when Nora is disclosing her decision on leaving her family. Schmidt shows great emotion proving that Stewart actually had good intentions all along in his relationship with his wife.

Abigail Bowden (Christine Linde), Guy Davis (Miles Koestler), and Mike Mayhall (Dr. Rand) also did a beautiful job of relaying Stacy's "A Doll House" to the student population. Stacy states that, "Our goal has been to find the emotional realities of these five characters in their intricate relationships and to bring their story to life as honestly as possible." He has accomplished this.

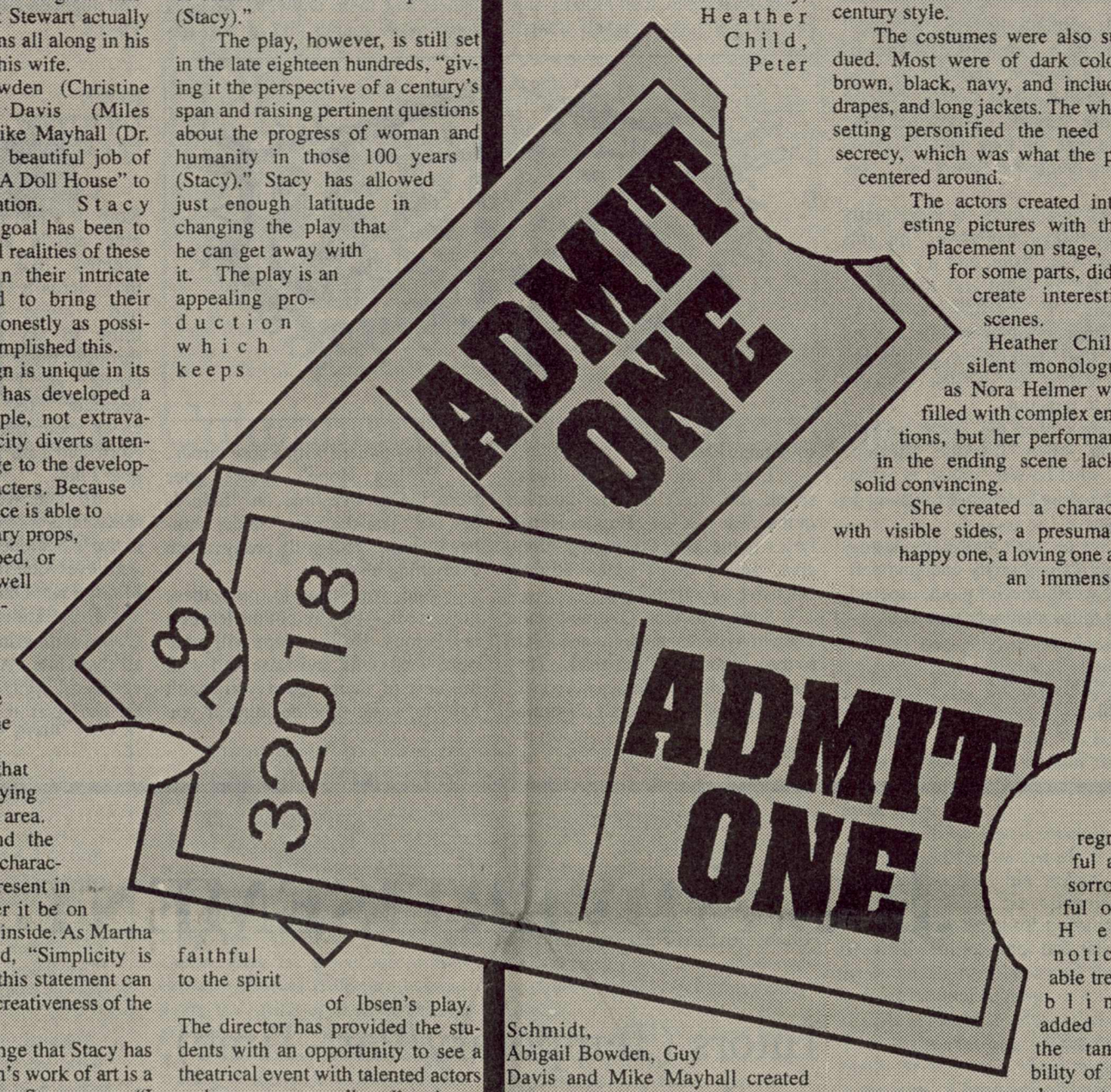
The set design is unique in its own way. Stacy has developed a stage that is simple, not extravagant. This simplicity diverts attention from the stage to the development of the characters. Because of this, the audience is able to notice the necessary props, such as a table, bed, or couch, and not dwell on the magnificence but yet the signficant details. On the sides of the stage area, there is the "outside world."

Characters that are not in the playing scene, sit in this area. This is to remind the audience that the characters are always present in the world whether it be on the outside or the inside. As Martha Stewart once said, "Simplicity is elegance." Truly this statement can be applied to the creativeness of the set.

A minor change that Stacy has made within Ibsen's work of art is a changing of setting. Stacy states, "I have . . . decided to relocate the action of the play to Virginia rather than Norway, thus bringing it closer to home.

The Southern belle is an ideal doll wife." Another sign)ficant change from the original is the changing of names. This is done so that "the foreign names of Torvald, Krogstad, and Rank will not seem so distant from our own experience (Stacy)."

The play, however, is still set in the late eighteen hundreds, "giving it the perspective of a century's span and raising pertinent questions about the progress of woman and humanity in those 100 years (Stacy)." Stacy has allowed just enough latitude in changing the play that he can get away with it. The play is an appealing production which keeps faithful to the spirit of Ibsen's play. The director has provided the students with an opportunity to see a theatrical event with talented actors and actresses as well as direction.



Melanie Romero
Contributing writer

NSU Theater presented Henrik Ibsen's celebrated play "A Doll House" as adapted by Ingmar Bergman last week in Theatre West. Under the direction of Dr. Jim Stacy, Heather Child, Peter Schmidt, Abigail Bowden, Guy Davis and Mike Mayhall created an ensemble which brought to the stage a plethora of emotions.

The set was simple, almost stoic. No background scenes, or fancy lighting, or even big set pieces graced the stage. With black walls and a black floor the action was strictly contained to a raised platform located at center stage. The few pieces of furniture existing included a couch, chair, table, bed, and a christmas tree, all in 19th century style.

The costumes were also subdued. Most were of dark colors, brown, black, navy, and included drapes, and long jackets. The whole setting personified the need for secrecy, which was what the plot centered around.

The actors created interesting pictures with their placement on stage, but for some parts, didn't create interesting scenes.

Heather Child's silent monologues as Nora Helmer were filled with complex emotions, but her performance in the ending scene lacked solid convincing.

She created a character with visible sides, a presumably happy one, a loving one and an immensely regretful and sorrowful one. Her noticeable trembling added to the tangibility of her character. Child's character thought, felt and seemed alive.

Abigail Bowden's portrayal of Nora's female friend, Christine Linde, left much to be desired. A Her lack of any visible emotions hindered her job as an actress and prevented the plot from moving smoothly forward.

Mike Mayhall, who played Dr. Rand, had much of the same problem. Although he didn't mope across the stage, his portrayal of the doctor lacked any real conviction. In a surface performance, Mayhall succeeded in convincing neither that he loved Nora, nor that he felt he was dying.

Instead, he just went through his blocking and voiced his lines without much consideration to what he was doing.

Peter Schmidt, who played Nora's husband - Stewart, gave a satisfactory performance. His character as a controlling, lecherous husband came across well but he never seemed intimidating enough to have so much control over Nora.

He should be complimented on his ability to make the audience dislike him and feel uneasy in his presence. What he didn't succeed in was convincing the audience that he truly loved Nora in the final scene of the play.

The final member of the cast, Guy Davis, who played Miles Koestler, began his performance poorly. In portraying the villainous lawyer his first few scenes seemed shaky. His timing was just a little off.

Davis's sinister stare lost it's potency when he began to speak. But, as the show went on, Davis gathered a grasp on his character which developed into a suitable enemy. The play on the whole was mediocre. It contained intense moments of passionate emotions, wonderfully portrayed scenes, and somber reflections.

However, interspersed within those scenes existed unconvincing, shallow and mediocre moments that prevented the production from having a continuous flow so needed in theatrical productions.

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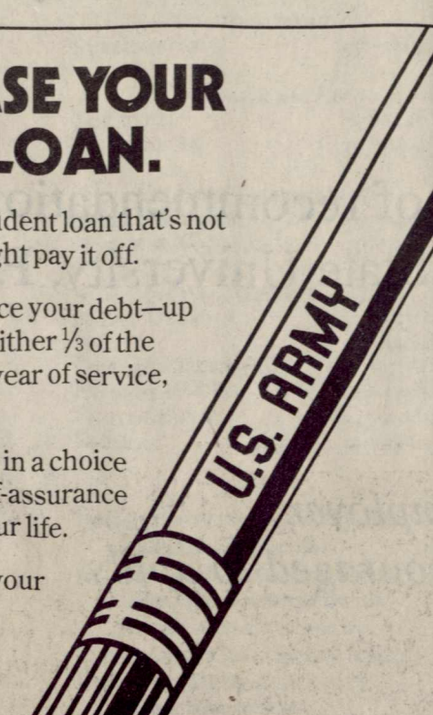
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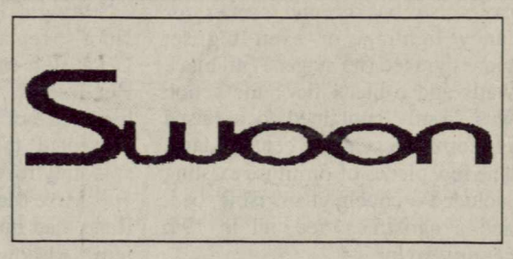
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Swoon, Broken Hope, Korn earn reviewer's respect, praise

lesa thompson
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SWOON
Swoon
Hammerhead Records



The only thing that aggravated me about Swoon is the lack of lyrics in the cover. I've been listening to Metal too many years too long, and my ear drums are shot—I need to see the words. (I guess it's a habit, like reading the cereal box while I eat.)

Anyway, outside of that one minor offense, everything else with Swoon is right on the money.

The band's press sheet states that "All songs on Swoon's self-titled release...are woven together by a celestial or unearthly feel. It has the ambiance of Pink Floyd and My Bloody Valentine combined with the gut and grind of Nirvana's 'Bleach'. "

I'll go along with that. There appears to be a lot more going on here than just the every day "let's get together and jam some tunes" stuff.

Swoon's music is dreamy. I'd have to equate it to swallowing a handful of downers followed by a spin on a roller coaster. (Not that I've ever experienced that sort of thing, mind you, but one can imagine.)

At any rate, what I mean is this—Swoon's music is the musical equivalent of trying to run for your life through waist-high mud—fast and slow at once.

I particularly like the vocal effects on a song called "Banana." They're layered and creepy, and they remind me of listening to one of those "Chant" albums that were all the rage not long ago. (The difference being that Swoon isn't boring.)

All in all, there are some pretty heavy things happening on this album. One listen and it's easy to see why the band call themselves Swoon.

Their music goes right in hand with that lack-of-oxygen-to-the-brain feeling you get just as you're about to pass out.

Remember the scene in Pulp Fiction when Travolta shot-up? Well, what he was feeling is probably the drug-induced equivalent to Swoon.

Swoon isn't music to destroy by, but it's still pretty cool and definitely worth checking out, especially for those mellower moments.

BROKEN HOPE
Loathing
MetalBlade Records



Okay, one look at Loathing's cover art and you'll know right away whether Broken Hope is for you.

If the head-thingy with the organs spewing forth does nothing but wet your appetite, then by all means, read on. But if you find yourself wanting to hurl forth huge hunks of stomach, then I kindly suggest that you move yourself along to something else.

Even if the cover art doesn't spook you, don't consider yourself in the clear just yet. Broken Hope's lyrics delve into everything offensive, and I don't mean slightly offensive by a damn side.

Song topics on Loathing cover everything from anorexia and AIDS to the auctioning of the dead. They then glide into incestuous necrophilia as if either topic wasn't disturbing enough on its own and Broken Hope had to jam 'em both together. Gross.

However, Broken Hope do seem as though they have some pertinent things to say. If you can stomach the lyrics, they might actually entice you to think about a few things.

Or you might find comfort in the fact that you won't be able to understand them anyway. Vocalist Joe Ptacek sounds like a post-tracheotomy patient with a sore throat .

Broken Hope's music goes from the groovesome on "Skin Is In" and "Translucence," to the ultra-heavy grind on, well, pretty much everything else.

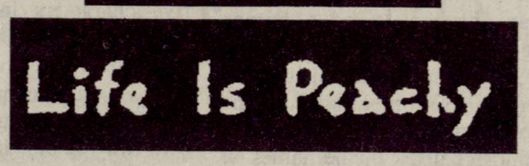
And you have to give these guys credit—they're not the least bit tepidatious. Broken Hope will jump right in the mix and raise hell with the best of them. And you won't have to waste time deciding if you like them—either you will or won't, and it won't take time to figure out.

I think there's something to be said for any band that's honest enough to be true to themselves and give you everything they have, and Broken Hope are prepared to cram themselves down your throat with no holds barred.

Who knows—by the time Broken Hope are finished with you, you might end up sounding like Joey Ptacek.

KORN
Life Is Peachy
Epic / Immortal





I first read about Korn in a huh magazine article and it seemed like they actually had something to say through their music, so I decided to check them out. Two discs later, Korn and Life Is Peachy, I'm still glad I did.

To date, Korn's self-titled first release has sold over 700,000 copies in the U.S. alone, and they've toured with everyone from 311 to Marilyn Manson and Ozzy.

Korn know how to combine groove with grind and keep it heavy all the while. And Jonathan Davis' vocals fit right in with the music. He can go from throat-shredding to smooth-sailing and never miss a beat. His sound is both sincere and honest, and offers up the kind of aggression that can only come from pulling the vocals straight from his soul. Davis' vocals are in perfect unison with the band's music, and quite honestly, I don't think Korn could have found a more perfect frontman for what they do.

The new disc, Life Is Peachy (and I'm sure it is with all Korn's success), offers a lot more for your 15 bucks than just some killer music that, in itself, would be well worth the cost of the disc.

Life Is Peachy also has a free Multimedia portion that will allow you to check out Korn live in London at the Astonia Ballroom from a show recorded on Aug 21, 1996. The disc will also afford you the opportunity to log-on to GNN, a service mark of America Online, for a free trial period of one month with unlimited access.

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Our View

To kill or not to kill....

One of the issues facing the nation these days is that of whether or not the death penalty allowed in many states is a practice that should be continued. The National Bar Association is beginning to make motions toward making the death penalty a thing of the past, but is this the best move that our country can make? Probably not and there are some very common sense answers as to why this is.

The death penalty is a strong deterrent against violent crime and anyone who claims that the death penalty is not, obviously does not have a clue. Want to keep someone from killing the innocents that roam the streets of our nation? Tell them about the lovely effects that the electric chair has on a body or how much fun the gas chamber could be. People are less likely to commit crime when faced with these kinds of penalties.

> "We shouldn't be paying for death row free loaders to live off of the state while they ride the criminal appeals process for eternity...."

Perhaps when people say that the death penalty is not a deterrent they are referring to the fact that its effect has been lessened by the fact that our court system and liberal appeals process have kept it from being used as much as it should. Criminals such as Charles Manson shouldn't be alive today and perhaps if the court system and government would make more use of the "ultimate punishment," maybe we wouldn't still be looking at him ranting and raving on our television sets.

The death penalty is also an effective way of saving the public money. Whenever we lock up murderers, rapists and all of the other trash for life, we have to pay for it out of our paychecks and in our taxes. Surely most of us have a problem with providing convicted felons a bed, hot food, shelter, tv and other recreational hobbies for the rest of their life. Why should the public have to provide prisoners with creature comforts when they have been convicted of horrible crimes against society? The answer to that question is that we shouldn't. We shouldn't be paying for death-row free loaders to live off of the state while they ride the criminal appeals process for eternity.

There are also cases where the death penalty delivers a level of justice to the victims and families of victims that our criminal court system often isn't able to achieve. Many times families (and whole communities) want to see the death penalty as final compensation for what they had to endure.

The death penalty also tends to cull out the absolute worst in our society, or at least the one's that our authorities manage to catch. Would you as a taxpayer like to still see someone like John Wayne Gacy or Ted Bundy getting fat in prison after countless murders? Surely not.

Bottom line is that the death penalty is a slightly barbaric practice in a very barbaric society. The criminals are continually given more rights and more protection as the government and overworked judicial systems falter. Strict laws like the death penalty are the answer, not an increasingly liberal society.

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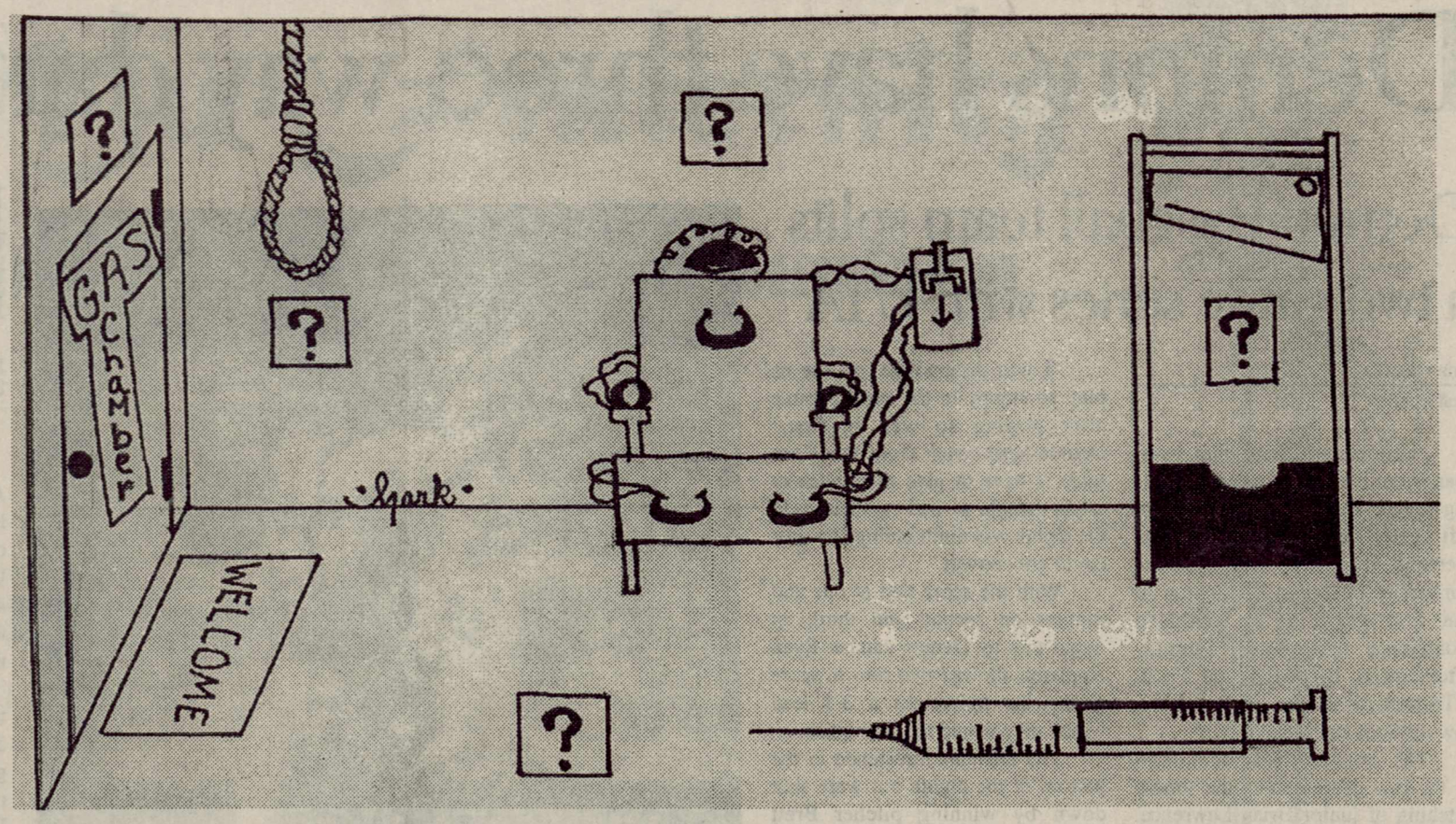
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Columnist explains the great impact of Coretta Scott King

Guest Columnist

Shawntell Lewis

A nine year old boy asked her, "What could I do to make this world a better place?"

She simply replied, "You should stay in school, get a good education, and don't let anyone steal your dreams away from you."

On Wednesday, Coretta Scott King, the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., stood before hundreds in Prather Coliseum encouraging the hearts of each generation present.

As she entered the building and walked to the podium, the audience applauded with much excitement and anticipation towards this great giant of humanism.

Coretta Scott spoke with a sharp intellect that cut through the hut of history's shame and with her pleasant manner, she left a message of an unshakable belief in one's self, a strong sense of leadership, and most of all a call for dedicated service.

Being able to be a part of such a setting was truly an honor, for me because the teachings of Coretta Scott's husband has been a part of my life ever since I was a child.

As a young girl, I can remember listening to the words and ideals of Dr. King as told by members of my church, family and community leaders.

Being young I never quite understood all of the accolades awarded to Dr. King, but as I matured I realized how amazing and spectacular he was.

I realized that this man, this chosen man of God, dedicated his entire life to the betterment of all people. I would often ask myself why would someone carry that type of weight on their shoulders?

It became crystal clear to me that it was because of his strong love and his deep concern for humanity that he gave his life.

By age 16, I'd become a strong competitor on my high school Speech and Debate Squad and qualified to compete in Declaration Speaking at the National Forensic Tournament in Boca Roton, Fla. During this tournament, I performed Dr. King's most famous, "I Have a Dream," speech and ranked fourth out of 300 competitors from across the country.

Each time that I opened my mouth to deliver his speech, I truly understood what his dream was really all about. He spoke of a nation that would one day rise above all racial indifferences and live out the true meaning of its creed, that all men are created equally.

He spoke of the day when children of all ethnic backgrounds would be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood as brothers and sisters.

He dreamed of his four little children being judged by the content of their character and not by the color of their skin.

His message was one of unity with each other regardless of race, one of liberating the mind and most importantly one of freedom to exist wholeheartedly. The most significant statement that is so vividly printed in my mind of Dr. King is that he didn't want America to remember him because of his many honors and his immeasurable achievements during his lifetime. All he wanted this world to remember, when we lamented on his life, was that he was a drum major for peace, righteousness and justice for all mankind.

So as I listened to Coretta Scott speak of her husband's dream, I was reminded of the tremendous impact that Dr. King has made on my life and also on this world.

Reiterating some of Dr. King's same principles, Coretta Scott spoke about courage and the strength to venture forth with certainty about each of our lives.

She encouraged the youth of today to ignore the mighty temptations of the world and support that which is productive and uplifting to the betterment of our lives.

With a renewed commitment of courage and mobilized resources of healing and hope, Coretta Scott admonished each of us to make real the dream in America and all over the world.

Organization here to help inform students, public in general

Dear Student and Faculty:

For over a month I have been working to start a new organization at NSU, Northwestern State University Public Affairs Association.

I have spent the last month talking to all my friends and have passed out memos to almost every office on campus about NSUPAA. I would like to thank all those who did anything to spread the word about NSUPAA.

Right now there is a small number of members, and we are in the process of drafting a constitution and by-laws, so we can receive a charter from the University.

Many may ask why I am trying to start a public affairs organization on campus?

I believe that there is an alarming level of apathy and lack of understanding about government and issues concerning young people in American society, and this is reflected at NSU as well. Coretta Scott King said "when more than two out of three young people don't care enough to vote, what kind of voice can young people expect to have in creating a better society."

I believe this is a point that young people throughout the political spectrum should take to heart. For this reason, I am forming the NSUPAA, an organization dedicated to informing students, faculty, and the public at large about how government works and about the issues before government.

I hope to form an atmosphere where students can find out about government and the issues through intelligent discussion instead of having it spoon fed to them by a few people in the media.

NSUPAA will achieve its goal through frequent meetings, public forums, news letters, voter information packets and hopefully what will become a world class website.

But to achieve this goal we will need members; I feel that public affairs involve all the students of NSU.

Most of the students will spend on average four to five years working on their B.A. at NSU and those who pursue a masters at NSU could spend as much as seven or more years in Natchitoches.

That is a long time to drive on city streets, pay city sales tax and not get involved in public affairs. Because what happens in city government affects you.

On April 5 of this year there will be a primary election for court of appeals. You may say, "big deal," but if for any reason you get tied up with the court system during your stay at NSU, then what type of judge is on the court of appeals may be a "big deal." Because of the importance of public affairs to the students of NSU, I am inviting all students to join NSUPAA, no matter what your major, political ideology, or background is. All I am asking is that you join a thoughtful and intelligent civil discussion on public affairs.

NSUPAA meets Tuesday nights at 6:00 in the Student Union, room 221. As mentioned earlier we are in the process of drafting a constitution and by-laws and pursuing a charter from the University; we need students willing to serve as officers and on committees.

If we have a large enough membership we can accomplish this goal without members having to give too much of their free time. Please feel free to contact me at: 357-5314 or Steven M. Tilley, NSU Box 4418, Natchitoches, LA., 71457.

Student displeased with level of professionalism on NSU22

Dear Students,

Anyone interesting in catching NSU's version of Saturday Night Live should tune into NSU 22 every evening at 6:30 p.m. This newsgroup makes Norm Macdonald (the anchor on SNL newscast) look like Walter Cronkite.

There were several things that were humorous, if not sad, that I happened to notice, one was the way the newscast made fun of Coach McNutt's name, the hot microphone that allowed the entire viewing audience of FOUR to hear every word the newscast said during the commercial breaks, the lousy tosses back and forth and the several uughs in their anxiety of what to say. At first I wasn't actually sure if this was a journalism production or a comedy routine being put on by the theater department. At least the theater department would have got it right.

Is this not an opportunity for the news cast of NSU 22 to learn and develop their skills so they can be marketable in the real world? I thought it was! I guess nobody else did.

Yes granted it is in the early stages of production, and you still have to work out some glitchs, but gee-sloppy camera work, miss cues and the inability to be professionals on camera isn't going to get it down.

At this stage of the game the only people that would hire you are those folks who would like to use you as an example of what not to do on a broadcast.

I can image what people are saying about this right now. "Can you Do better ?" Well the answer to that question my friend is one that I don't have to answer.

You see I'm not journalism major or communication major and I have no desire to prove if I can or can't do a better job.

However, let me pose you a question, If you had to work with a team for whatever the task wouldn't you want the best team to asset you? I know I would.

It is so sad to see that in this day and age the idea of " being the best that you can be not for others, but for yourself" is becoming a thing of the past. As well as "taking the road less traveled not because its easy, but because it's hard".

What do I know about teamwork, working hard and being the best that I can be? Well it comes in two forms one, being aware that if I want to be employable I need to attempt day in and day out to becoming the best psychologist I can possibly be.

The other stems from striving towards perfection as rower. Focus. Discipline. Precision. Mastering these qualities through teamwork is key to the success of every winning rowing team. And it should be yours.

DaveSeard

Sports

Demons have three-way dance with UTA

Demon Baseball team splits a two game series with UTA

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

Northwestern State third baseman Brent Fenster knocked a towering grand slam home run over the left center field fence to lead the Demons to a 11-1 win over the University of Texas - Arlington in the first game of a Southland Conference doubleheader Saturday afternoon at Brown Stroud Field. UTA took the second game 5-1 following three rain delays.

The Demons (8-6) dominated in the first game behind the superb pitching of junior Brian Lawrence. Lawrence (2-1) pitched a complete game giving up only one run on five hits while striking out four.

The Demons scored 11 runs on 11 hits en route to the blowout victory. Freshman Josh Hoffpauir had another good game going 3-for-4 from the plate and scoring four runs. Derek Nunn came out of a slump to go 2-for-3, driving in three runs.

The Demons could not sustain the level of play reached in the first game getting beaten 10-5 by the Mavericks and committing costly mental errors.

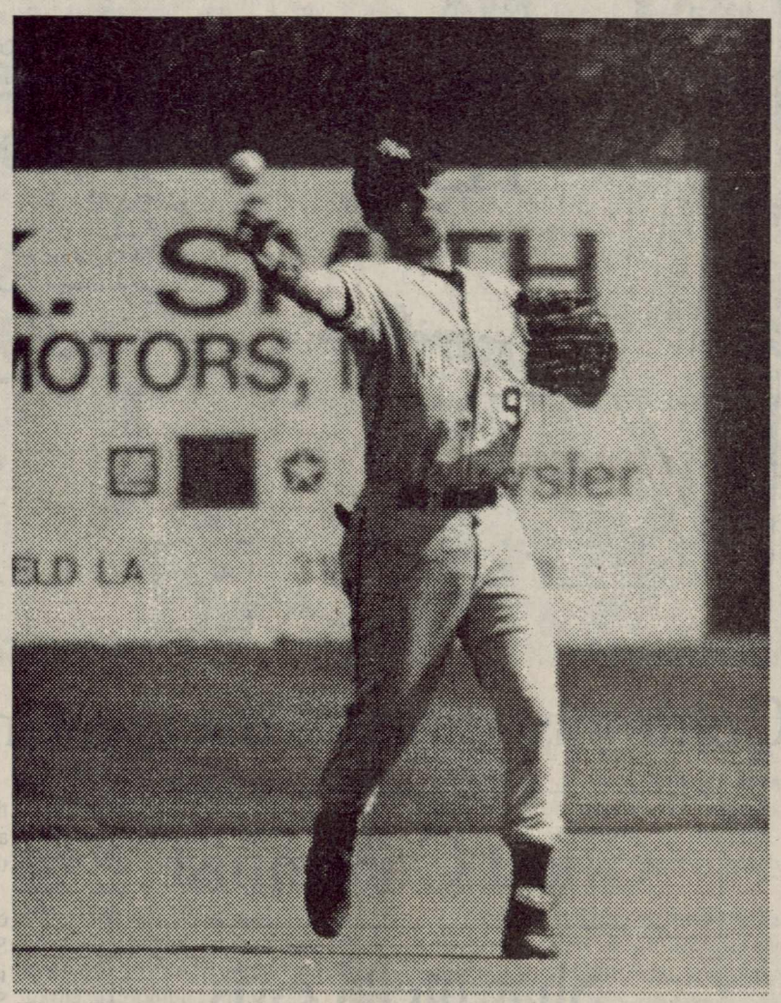
"I was disappointed to see us play so sloppy in the second game after playing so well in first," Demon head coach Dave Van Horn said. "I have to give their pitchers credit though, we had our chances in the eighth and ninth innings but just could not convert."

With the score tied at one and runners on second and third, an errant toss by Demon catcher Ryan Appleton allowed two runs to score giving the Mavericks a 3-1 lead which they would not relinquish.

The Demons threatened in the bottom of the eighth but were shut down by winning pitcher Brett Wood. UTA added two runs in the top of the ninth to grab a four run cushion leading 5-1 with only the bottom of the ninth to play.

The Demons made one more comeback bid getting runners to second and third in the bottom of the ninth, but fell short again.

The Demons will play five games this week playing a doubleheader with Lamar and a three game series with Texas San Antonio over the weekend.



The Demons played a tough match with UTA. This week the Demons get set for a doubleheader with Lamar. photo by Eric Dutile

Lady Demon softball team loses 5-4 to Texas-Arlington

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

UTA first baseman Tiffany Allison went 3-for-4 from the plate including a decisive single in the top of the seventh inning to give the University of Texas - Arlington a 5-4 win over the Lady Demon softball team on an overcast Saturday afternoon at Lady Demon Field.

Allison cracked an RBI single to right center field to bring home Stacy Chambers from second and give the Lady Mavs (7-7, 1-0) the one run advantage. The Lady Demons (4-11, 0-1) had a chance to tie the score in the bottom of the seventh but stranded senior Becca Allen on second.

UTA looked to have the game well in hand early on leading 4-0 heading into the fourth. However the Lady Demons finally got on the board in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI single by Misty Carraway which scored Linette Stuart from second.

A RBI double by Tammy Peck to deep left centerfield brought the Lady Demons to within two and a single by Laura Patton scoring Brandy Kenney from third cut the Lady Mav's lead to one, 4-3. UTA reliever Andrea Becker gave the Lady Demons a gift with a bases loaded walk to tie the score at four with two innings to play. Both teams went scoreless until the decisive seventh when Allison hit her single for the win.

The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was postponed due to inclement weather and the game on Sunday was also cancelled due to rain. The games will be rescheduled later on in the season.

The Lady Demon softball team is now 4-11 overall and 0-1 in the Southland Conference. They will take the week off and then play their next games on Saturday and Sunday against Northeast.

Lady Demons end basketball season with tough loss to University of Texas-Arlington

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

Northwestern's freshmen sensation Judy Clark scored 22 points but it was not enough as the Texas Arlington Lady Mavs hit nine 3-point baskets to beat the Lady Demons 80-68 in the last game of the season.

The game put a cap on the season for the Lady Demons who finished 11-15 overall and 5-11 in the Southland Conference.

Louise Chase also played a good game for the Lady Demons scoring 10 points and grabbing a season high 16 rebounds in the game.

Senior Nicole Lacy ended her Lady Demon career with a 18 point effort.

"UTA played like the Green Bay Packers offensive line and we took some pretty good licks in this game," Lady Demon coach James Smith said after the game.

Although frustrated by the physical nature of the game coach Smith was upbeat about his team's prospects for next season.

"It's early to look that far ahead, but with 10 of 12 players returning and the way our first year players improved through the month of February, you can't help but get excited about next year.

Clark, Chase, and Jennifer Graf just kept getting better and better as the season went on and should play major roles for us next season," Smith said.



Nicole Lacy ends her Lady Demon career with an 18 point effort. photo by Eric Dutile

Crowder reaps honors at Demon Football Awards Banquet

Senior linebacker Grant Crowder won three awards, including the Lester Latino Memorial Award and the Joe Delaney Memorial Leadership Award at this years Demon Football Awards Banquet.

Crowder also received the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Player of the Year Award at the banquet, attended by more than 250 people at the Freidman Student Union.

Also earning the Delaney Memorial Leadership Award by vote of his teammates was another senior linebacker, Josh King. King and Crowder were the top tacklers for the Demons, who were nationally ranked for eight of the 11 weeks in the season and finished with a 6-5 record.

Demon players also voted junior receiver Pat Palmer as their Offensive Most Valuable Player and senior cornerback Keith Thibodeaux as the Defensive MVP.

The Latino Award to Crowder was made by the Demon coaching staff based on unselfish team play, work ethic, leadership, sportsmanship and character.

Senior tailback Anthony Williams became only the fifth Demon in history to run for 1,000 yards in a season, received the Kirt Straughter Memorial Trident Award for posting the top performance in Northwestern's preseason Trident Tests for physical strength, speed agility and conditioning.

Sophomore linebacker Matt Slate was the winner of the Academic Award presented by Northwestern President Randall J. Webb.

Also recognized for academic achievement was sophomore tackle Rawleigh Fisher, who was voted to the GTE Academic All-District VI team honoring players from I-AA and I-A programs in a five state region.

The Fan praises men's basketball team for successful 96-97 season

Just a Fan

Don Harper

Now that the Southland Conference has been whittled down to just six teams with one of those being the Demons and only one of these with a chance to go to the DANCE, I say it's time to give a hearty cheer for the men's basketball team. Applaud now!

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Coach Barnette says if the Demons can crash the boards the way they have all season, they will have a chance. I say that if we all crash this tournament and bring down the house we "the Demons" stand a good chance to bring home the Southland Conference Championship. See you at the game.

Let's take a look at the way my brackets are lining up. All teams will be listed according to region in this order east, southeast, midwest, west. The number one seeds are going to go to Minnesota, Utah, Kansas, and Wake Forest. Wake forest the weakest and most vulnerable to losing the top seed. Kentucky was top seed in the Southeast before the loss this weekend to South Carolina. This win also moves South Carolina into a good chance to move to the easier east regional as a number two seed.

The number two seeds fit like this; Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and UCLA. These teams all need to do well in their respective conference tournaments to maintain these seeds because competition is tight with Cincinnati, New Mexico, Clemson and Duke on their heels. I won't bore you with all of my picks but these are just how I see the favorites

The sad part about my bracket is that the winner of the Southland Conference will meet up with Kansas in the first round. Let me remind you that none of this isn't in stone yet and conference tournaments are still weeding out those who don't belong.

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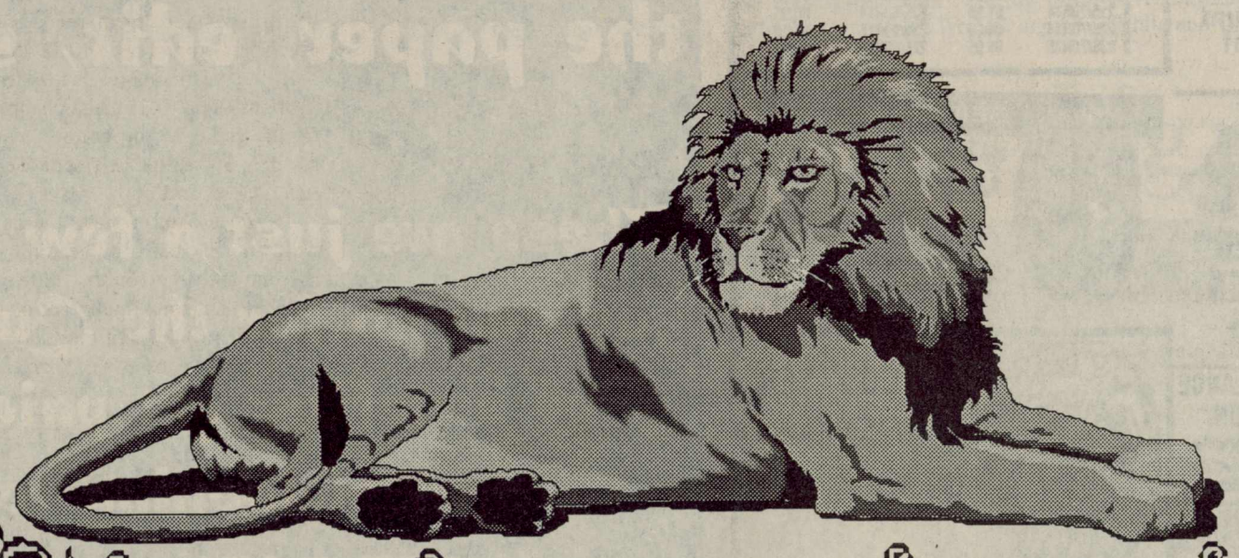
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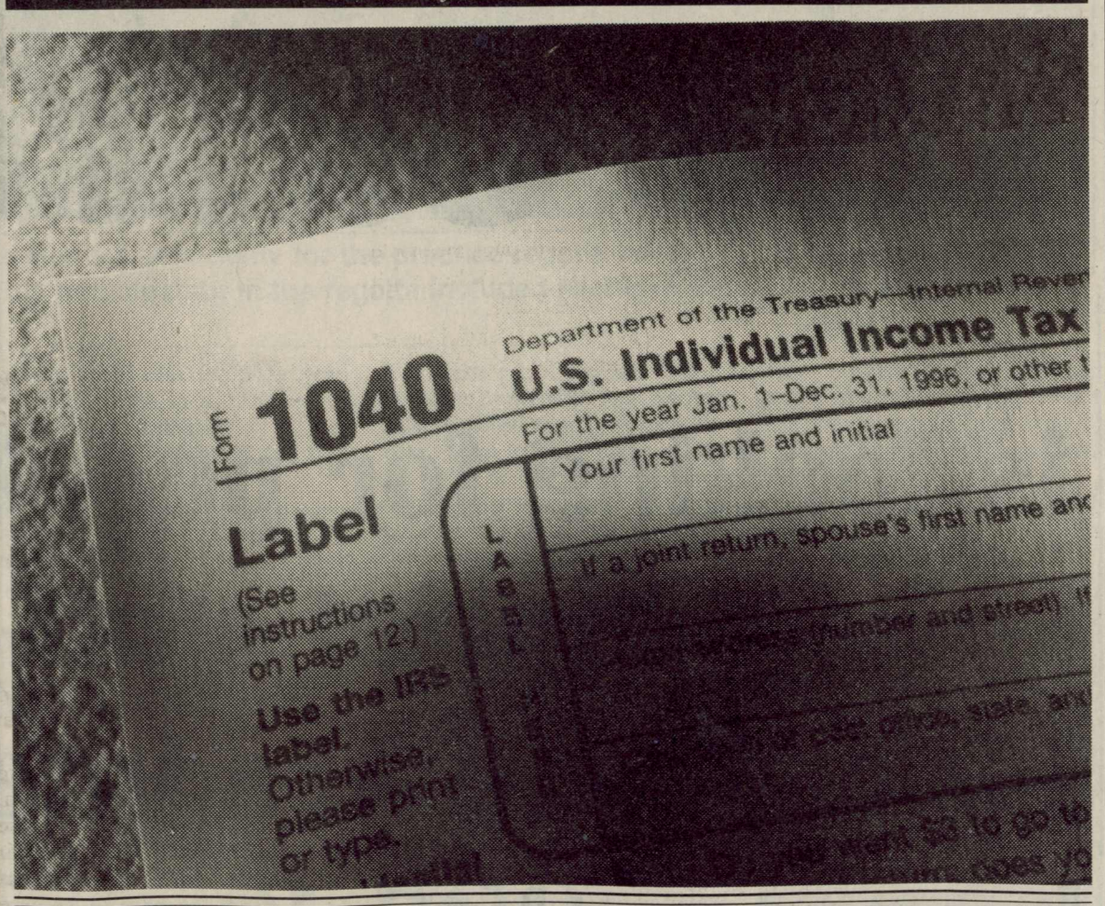
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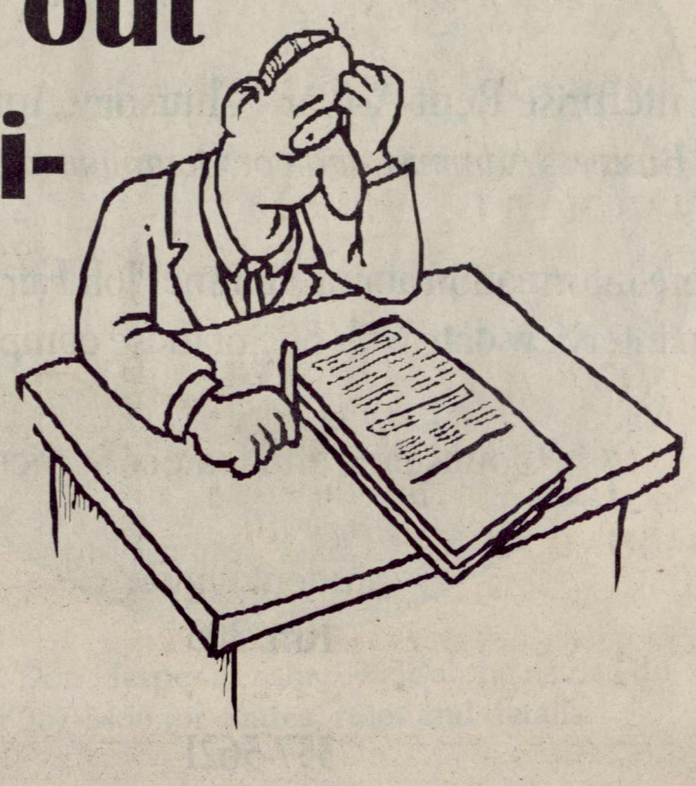


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See how the Demon baseball team fared this weekend at UTSA. See page 6 for details.

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Cane River Chronicles give students career experience, insights into local lifestyles

Andrew Martin
Editor-in-Chief

Journalism 4500 students are getting more than just long lectures and theory this semester. These students are participating in producing a monthly television broadcast discussing life in Natchitoches called "Cane River Chronicles."

The program is hosted, filmed and produced entirely by students under the supervision of Dr. James Pratt.

"This is a real learning experience for the students," Pratt said. "Doing is learning."

The program is airing as part of the coursework for Journalism 4500 - Public Affairs and Investigative Reporting and could end at the end of the semester, Pratt said.

"I hope to see the program continued," Pratt said. "I have encouraged students to get together and get organized to enable Cane River Chronicles to continue. It is a good learning experience and hopefully will stick around."

Many of the students who are involved, agree with Pratt regarding the educational benefits of the program.

"Hopefully working on Cane River Chronicles will prepare me for my job in the real world," Jonathan Wallace, post-production editor, said. Wallace is also involved with the post-production editing of "Science Out of This World," another program produced on campus.

"I think this is very beneficial to my education in the broadcasting world," Philip Wise, reporter, said. "The program is providing me with real-life experience and hands-on training for today's job market."

This month's edition of Cane River Chronicles is hosted by Kevin White and Charioty James and covers topics such as local theater, historical preservation at Watson Library, the refurbishing of dorms and a feature on why people exercise. Interested viewers can catch Cane River Chronicles on channel 22 today at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. There are two more editions scheduled for April and May.

NSU hosts practice regatta, attracts "big name schools"

Catherine Gill
Staff reporter

The Northwestern State University Rowing Team sponsored big name schools like Michigan State, St. Cloud, Tulane and Grand Valley State this past weekend.

Why is Natchitoches such a hot spot for big name schools?

For one, Natchitoches has a good geographical location. While Michigan is experiencing weather in the teens, North Louisiana is boasting a temperatures in the 70s and 80s. Not only is the weather a benefit but, the fact that Cane River runs right through the heart of Natchitoches, causing everything to be in good walking distance is also a plus. There are few distractions in Natchitoches and the rowing teams have the opportunity to focus on the reason they are here - training.

Cane River and Sibley Lake are pluses for the area especially since they are the key resource for rowing and have a convenient location. Conditions of the water are excellent even when windy. There is no current or outside boat traffic and since the water is inland and contains no salt, there is little corrosion on the boats. High banks and good tree coverage add to the benefits.

The practice regatta Saturday, consisted of the men's and women's varsity, junior varsity and novice classes with four and eight person crews. Boats were launched at Mariners Restaurant on Sibley Lake early Saturday. Over 200 athletes were involved in the 1800m sprint regatta. Northwestern's highest position was a third place achieved from their novice men's 4+.

The practice regatta was the second competition of the spring and was done in an effort to see how well Northwestern would do against big name schools and determine the spring workout of the rowing team.

"We want to win, but it's early," Coach Calvin Cupp said.

The NSU Rowing Team was established in 1988 and has over 120 competitive opportunities for the collegiate rower at NSU. The team is made up of men and women, heavyweight and lightweights, experienced and novice.

This allows for all sorts of students to join and compete. There are no regulations on rowing.

"If 200 people wanted to row, we wouldn't turn them away," Cupp said. "We'd make it work somehow."

Requirements for rowing team members are only that the student must attend Northwestern full-time and be in good standing. Previous rowing experience is not required.

"One of the best things about it is that we're extremely small and we have a lot of rowing equipment that other schools don't have," Alan Pasch, vice president of the rowing club said.

While there are no boat houses or barracks for the crew, the crew currently owns several shells that are roughly priced at $16,000 each. If there was a boat house and barracks, Cupp states that Northwestern "would get higher caliber teams. It would be a tremendous impact on the economy, publicity and recruiting. Teams would come here. We won't have to travel for three-fourths of our races."

The cost per year for a boat is low. While the boats are $16,000 each, they are efficient and can be used for many years. The University currently supports the rowing team with $4,000 a year, allocated by the state. The rest of the funds are self-assessed by student fees and fundraising, which in equals around $30,000.

"We're generating money, however we only get about one-tenths of the money that other varsity programs get," Cupp said. "They (the teams) have been here because we've solicited them. We self-promote. It's a lot more than working out. We do our own recruiting, newsletter, press releases, fundraising, purchasing, repair. We're an independent department and we don't generate 100 percent of our money. You can be competitive in a sport without using a lot of money."

Cupp would like to see students on campus take an active role.

The rowing team will be conducting

Rowing, See page 2



The Northwestern Novice Men's 8 gets ready for the practice regatta hosted by NSU Saturday at Sibley Lake. Other schools participating in the regatta included Michigan State, Tulane and Grand Valley State.

photo by Steve Evans

Local law will affect fishermen and skiers on Cane River beginning July 1; boating course required for all motorized watercraft operators

Philip Wise
Opinions editor

A new law affecting fishermen and skiers alike will start being enforced on Cane River July 1.

The law will make it mandatory for all operators of motorized water craft to complete a boater safety coarse. The law was submitted and added to the books to try and control the boating accidents that happen each year.

Cane River is very narrow and sometimes dangerous because of the mass numbers of boats and jet skies it hosts during the summer months.

The average width of the river is about 300 feet, making it very important for boaters to follow safe boating practices, because of the cramped waterway.

The Cane River Commission is teaching a boating safety course every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accommodate the new law.

The course reviews a variety of material such as: the importance of wearing personnel flotation devices, observing the rules of the road, being alert for potential danger and many of the laws that must be followed on the water.

Betty Fuller, director of the Cane River boating safety coarse is optimistic that the law will help the river be a safer environment.

"We were hoping that the coarse will decrease the number of accidents on the river and increase the awareness of first aid," Fuller said. "We have found that a lot of people do not know the rules and regulations and maybe they will use the first aid course to save a life."

The total cost of the coarse is $5. The $5 fee will cover a personal picture ID and the different books and pamphlets that will be handed out at the seminar. There will be three different videos presented at the lecture.

One of the videos will be to make people aware of the devastating affect that alcohol has on your judgment while boating. Safety and first aid will be the topic of another teaching video. The last video will inform people about the irrefutable force of the water and the affects of not wearing PFD's.

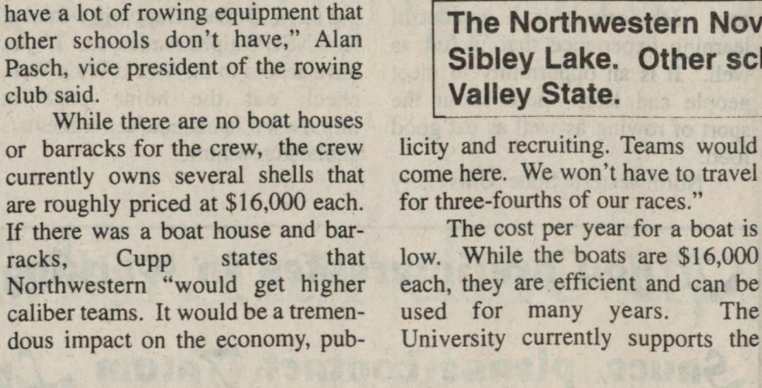
There have been many accidents in the area that have led to personal injury and property damage.

Last summer, there was a head on collision involving two jet skiers. As a result of the crash one of the drivers broke his jaw and lost many of his teeth. It is the hope of one of the river patrol officers that the course will limit such occurrences.

"The coarse will help tremendously," Glenn Fuller, river patrolman, explained.

"Before, nobody knew the rules and the regulations on Cane River," Fuller added. "Now that they have been explained in the boat safety coarse, we should not have any problems."

In order to keep the river safe, the Cane River Commission decided to educate the boating population with the safety course. Everyone must have their ID on them after July 1, or they may receive a citation.



The city will be issuing licenses such as this one for persons operating motorized boats on Cane River.

Seminars for campus women; topics include self defense, health care

Four personal enhancement seminars aimed at women and sponsored by the NSU Panhellenic Association will begin Tuesday, March 11 as part of National Women's Month.

The March 11 seminar will focus on self defense tactics and be presented by Detective Doug Prescott of NSU's University Police.

"Detective Prescott will show us basic techniques on survival and how to be safe," said Assistant Director of Student Affairs and Greek Life Reatha Cox. "This is a relevant issue to college women not only on our campus but nationwide because we all know you can never be too safe."

The second seminar, to be conducted by NSU's Activities Programmer for Student Activities and Greek Life, will focus on eating disorders and the danger signals associated with them and is scheduled for Wednesday.

"Most women know how to recognize the signs of an eating disorder, but they don't know how to deal with the problem..."

On Tuesday, March 18, NSU's Counselor Rebecca Boone will present "Learning to Care for the Caretaker," which will provide stress reduction techniques, tips on eating a balanced diet and information on how to care for yourself.

The final seminar will focus on health care for women and will be presented Wednesday, March 19, by Dr. Donna Miller.

In this seminar, Dr. Miller will discuss a woman's body, stressing the importance of annual visits and how crucial it is to take care of themselves.

"We are hoping for a great turnout," said Cox. "I know all of the women involved are really excited about the opportunity. This will provide a chance for women to get free, professional advice about so many different issues plus, it helps us introduce Greek women to others on campus who may not be a member of a Greek organization.

These seminars will be held in the President's Room of the Student Union from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Students, faculty and staff plus the public are welcome and encouraged to attend these free sessions.

News

Campus Briefs

Student oragnized campus clean-up
Students and oragnizations at Northwestern State University have announced the first major student- sponsored service event of the year. The clean-up will begin in the front of the Student Union at 9:00 AM. All students, faculty, staff, and friends of the University are encouraged to particpate. Trash bags will be provided.

Honors banquet
Northwestern State University will hold its 36th Annual Academic Honors Banquet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Friedman Student Union Ballroom. The banquet is sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. The guest speaker will be NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. The Honors Banquet will honor 500 of the top students of the University from each of the six colleges. Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society will honor freshman men with high GPA and Alpha Lambda Delta will honor freshman women with high GPAs. .Phi Kappa Phi will honor juniors with GPAs of 3.6 or better and seniors with GPAs of 3.5 or better. The Louisiana Scholars' College will honor students who have achieved at least a 3.2 GPA. The top awards to be presented are the Eugene P. Watson Phi Kappa Phi Memorial Scholarship and Leroy S. Miller Scholarship in Mathematics. Both are worth $1, 000.

Project Vote Smart
Northwestern State University students are eligble for up to $100,000 in scholarship funds through Project Vote Smart's Natonal Internship Program. Students from all fields of study at NSU are encouraged to apply for internships. Their work at the Project might focus on researching hot current issues, tracking campaign finance donations, gathering campaign issue positions, or compiling voting records and performance evaluations of candidates and elected officials at the federal and state levels. Students serve as researchers on the Voter's Research Hotline (1-800-622-SMART), and maintain and update the Vote Smart Web site (http://www.vote-smart.org). Project Vote Smart is a national, non-partisan, non-profit organization that is funded entirely through foundation grants and donations of over 50,000 members. Students wanting more information about internship and scholarship opportunities should call Ann Yonders at 541-754-2746 or e-mail at intern@vote-smart.org.

If you would like to place a campus brief or a campus connection, please contact Tatum Lyles or Sarah Crooks at 357-5456 or stop by room 225 Kyser.

Despite delays, Russell Hall will soon be open for business classes

Tatum Lyles
News editor

The Department of Business plans to move into Russell Hall sometime near the beginning of April.

According to Northwestern's Physical Plant Director Loran Lindsey, the building is in the final stage of its improvment process.

The demolition and reconstruction began in the spring of 1996 and is scheduled to be complete by the first of next month.

"We will try to finish by the end of the month," Lindsey said.

Acording to Dr. Barry Smiley, acting dean of the college of business, the renovation project is four to five weeks from being finished.

Problems such as water leaks and missing computer parts had postponed the completion of Russell Hall causing it not to be ready for the Department of Business during the 1996 Christmas holidays.

"We discovered that they didn't have fiberoptic communication links for the computers," Smiley said.

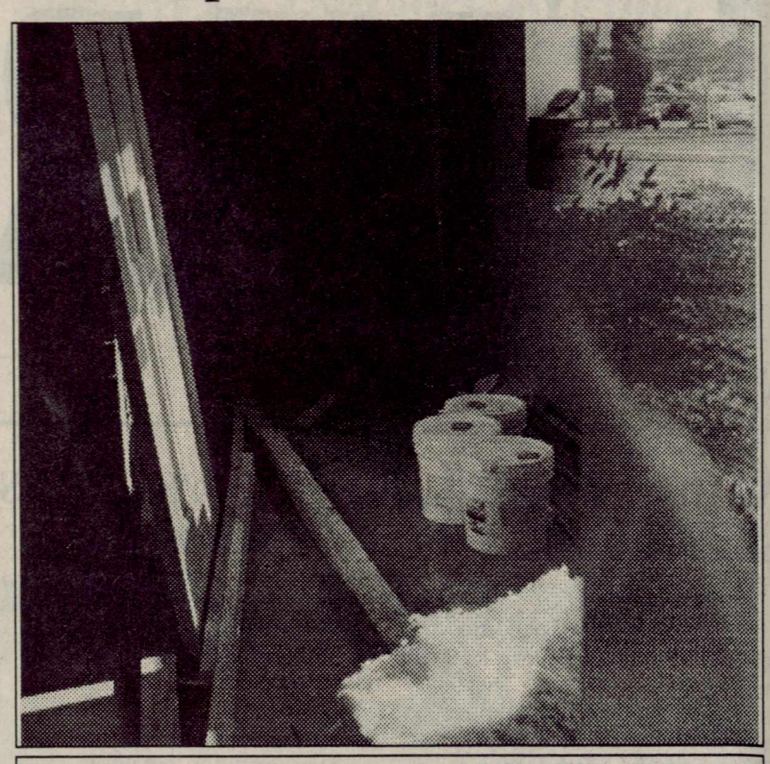
This timing complication caused many impatient students who were ready and waiting to move in to the newly renovated building.

"I am disapointed with the renovation of Russell Hall taking such a long time to complete because I believe the new environment would greatly enhance the learning ability of students in the department," said Kevin Brough, a sophomore business administration major.

As for the parking situation, according to Smiley, there is a fair amount of parking available on that side of the campus.

Even those students planning to graduate at the end of the semester may see the business classes take place in Russell.

"We prefer to move in the spring semester because it is very difficult to move between semesters or during the summer," said Smiley.



Despite its rough appearance, Russell Hall is scheduled to be open for classes in early April. photo by Steve Evans

SAB picks band for spring concert; KC and the Sunshine Band

Cindy Ford and Suzanne Delaney
Staff reporters

A band and date have been chosen for the SAB spring concert. KC and the Sunshine Band will be at NSU April 10.

The place and time have not been decided yet and some students may wonder how the SAB actually goes about choosing the concert each year.

There is no drawing from a hat, a dictatored decision or any type of conspiracy. The band isn't randomly chosen by the SGA, SAB, faculty, staff or the government itself.

The first step in the process of choosing a band, according to Ryan Scofield, SAB chairman of concerts, is to ask around campus and find out what type of concert they would like to see. The SAB then contacts the agent.

A theme and type of music is then selected, according to the majority of campus discussions.

If you feel left out because your opinion has never been asked for, calm down. Starting next semester students will be able to vote for their choice of music by secret ballot.

Once the budget for a concert is calculated (determined by student assessed fees), the SAB tells the agent the price range and date of the expected concert.

Next, the agent will find groups that are willing to play on the day and time the SAB requests and for the money the SAB is willing to pay, Scofield said.

The agent provides this list to the SAB who then finalizes the list.

The short list is then spread around campus to people who are asked what type of music they prefer from the list. The most popular answers are used for the finalized list of possible concerts, Scofield said.

(Again, if you feel as though you have missed this survey, get your voting pen ready.)

Finally, the officers of SAB, the chairman, residential representatives and representatives-at-large, vote on the finalized group.

The agent then calls the group's manger to arrange a contract between NSU and the group. This process usually takes about six weeks.

Once the group is confirmed, SAB discusses concessions with Aramark and makes arrangements for limos, airfares and hotels.

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Rowing

Continued from front page

a fish fry this Saturday with fish being cooked by Mariners, the crew's sponsor. It will be Family Day and Cupp and the rowing team encourage everyone to come out and watch the big name schools row. He feels it is a wonderful learning experience that is fun as well. It is an opportunity to meet people and learn more about the sport of rowing as well as eat good food.

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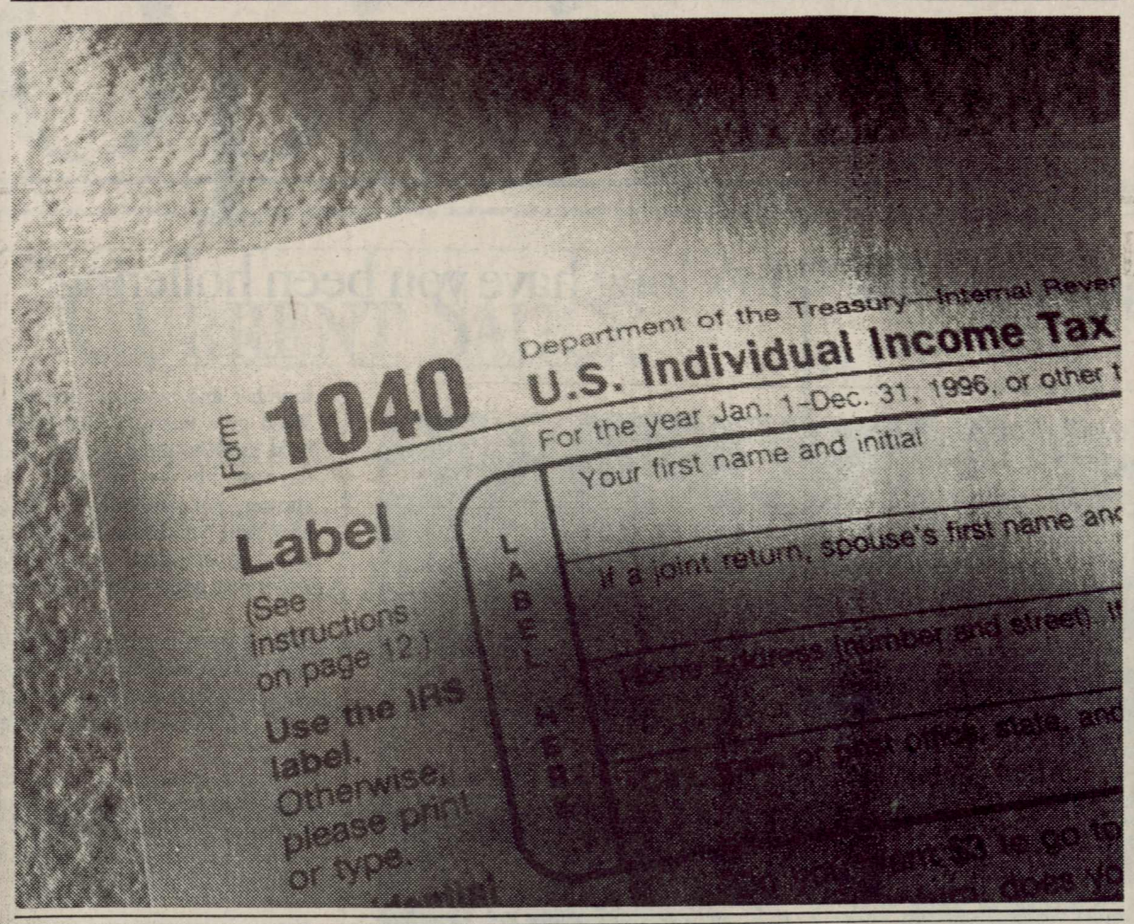
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Student Government Association Minutes

Student Government Association Minutes: March 3, 1997

Meeting called to order by President Carlton Downey at 7:00 P.M

The prayer and pledge were led by Senator Trey Earle and Senator Luke Dowden respectively.

Treasurer Lee Hall reported:

1. The Flight Team has received $1317.17 of the $5315.00 they requested in the fall semester.

Vice-president Alicia Thomas reported:

1. Filings will open on Monday, March 10. Candidates should turn in their applications to Ms. Moore by NOON Friday, March 21.

2. Senators must also turn in budgets at this time also. Those running for an of fice have a budget of $250, while those running for Senator-at-Large positions have a budget of $100.

3. Elections will take place on April 16 and 17.

4. Run-offs will be held on April 23 and 24.

5. She presented Dr. Webb with a new idea for the NSU student handbook.

6. Allen Eubanks has been removed from office.

7. He will be replaced by Emmanuel Edu.

8. Senators who did and did not complete office hours for the last two weeks were read The office hours procedure was explained to new senators.

President Carlton Downey reported:

1. Failure to complete office hours do count against senators.

2. He is in the process of completed the referendum for the I.M. Building before the March deadline of the Board of Trustees.

3. This week Dr. Ayo's wife passed away so Carlton will not be in the office for the rest of the week as he will be attending the services.

4. Steve Tilley is starting a new organization called NSU PAA.

5. There are numerous bills that will need to be tabled at the meeting.

Committee Reports:

1. Senator John Black reported that Club Sports met. He also stated that the NSU Basketball team had qualified for the play-offs to be held Wednesday night at 8:00 in Shreveport.

2. Senator Luke Dowden reported that Internal and External Affairs met. He recognized the work of Senator Sandra Schmieder of typing up the survey to find out what students want at NSU. President Downey stated that he will be needing Internal and External Affairs help with the Wellness Center Referendum.

Old Business:

1. Resolution #97 10 by Senator Michelle Craig: Motion to take resolution off the table by Senator Richard Long. Seconed by Senator Trey Earle All in favor Question called -All present in favor of this resolution -Resolution passed

2. Resolution #97-11 by Senator Craig: -Motion to amend resolution from the floor -Seconded by Senator Dowden -All in favor -Resolution amended to include all parking lots and road ways on campus

3. Resolution #97-13 by Senator Larry Ellis -Motion to combine resolution witn tnat of #97-11 -Seconded from the floor -Question called -All in favor -Resolutions combined

4. Resolution #97-14 by Senator Ellis

New Business:

-Motion and second to take resolution off table from the floor -Question called -All in favor

1. Motion to table resolution from Senator Dowden by Senator Long

2. Seconded by Senator Sandy Schmieder

3. All in favor

4. Vice-president Thomas stated that she has amendments to the Constitution to present to the SGA.

5. Senator Dowden proposed that a roundhouse be held which would include SGA's from the neighboring universities. Virginia presented her Proposal for the 9th Annual American Psychological Society to the SGA which asked for financial support from the SGA. Senator Michelle Craig explained how the SGA handles these requests which is that they do not support individual organization on campus financially. President Downey suggested that she talk to External Affairs for possible help. Senator Andrew Kolb presented his and Emily Tracy's resolution to set up a Student Advocacy Council to assist students with problems they have. Senator Richard Long motioned to table this resolution. Seconded from the floor. All in favor.

Special Reports:

-Senator John Black reported that the annual concert sponsored by SAB will be
K. C. and the Sunshine Band.
Motion to adjourn by Senator Long. Seconded by Senator Earle. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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A&E

Cenla's own Dead Man Circus answers the tough questions like "How long have you been hollering?"

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

Dead Man Circus are from Alexandria and know what it's like to give a lot and get a little in return.

They've dealt with everything from changes in their line-up to watching petty jealousy among the competition cause the Metal scene in Cenla to almost disappear.

Yet through all the adversity, Dead Man Circus have managed to be true to their music and themselves. They've released two demo tapes that kick ass, and musically speaking, they can more than hold their own against just about anybody out there, local or otherwise. Trust me, if any local band has "the stuff," it's gotta be Dead Man Circus.

Let me put it to you this way—I don't usually ride around jamming to demo tapes, but I played Dead Man's latest all the way from Natchitoches to Nola. And if anybody ever asked me if these guys are worth the drive to Alexandria (or anywhere, for that matter), I'd stand behind Dead Man Circus' music 100 percent.

Just a couple of weeks ago, the guys took time out from practice to drive up and give me the inside scoop on Dead Man Circus. Here's the rundown on what I found out:

Give me some background information on the band. How did Dead Man Circus come to be?

DW: In the very beginning, it was just me and Tag jamming around, coming up with some music, then Tag started jamming with Brandon.

BS: Tag was like, 'Just come over, and let's see what we can do' and immediately, automatically, it was way more than some people getting together just messing around. It sounded really special. It was crazy, really clean, had a good sound to it.

DW: They jammed a few times and gave me a call, and said they needed somebody to play bass.

BS: He came over and played, and I was like, ' Man, this dude's too good, he's too good-it's not gonna work out!' Then we practiced and he busted up this one little riff, and it just stuck in my head. It was like ' Okay, let's do something with it,' and it just clicked even more. I thought, ' This is gonna work out.' It was a real strange, meant-to-be kind of feeling at that moment.

How long have you been hollering?

BS: I've only been hollering since these guys made me. I was always singing, ever since I first heard Jane's Addiction. I guess I was about fifteen or something like that, and I was skating a lot, and listening to that kind of music. Even though a lot of the music I listened to was a real heavy thrash, it wasn't a lot of screaming like there is nowadays. And these guys just made me, they were like, 'Try a little more,' and my voice finally started doing what it was supposed to.

SR: Yeah, you came long way.

How did you [Sean] get involved with the band?



Deadman Circus, from l to r: Sean Rachal - drums (foreground), Tag Guillot - guitar, Brandon Smith - vocals, David Woodruff - bass (foreground) photo by Michelle McGlothlin

SR: I was already working with another band, but we did a couple of hours worth of jam, and everybody was freaking out. But I really didn't think anymore about going over there again. Then Tag called, and I was like, 'Okay, I'll give 'em a shot.' We started coming up with a bunch of power chords and nice progressions, and it just started coming together. We told each other how we felt, and where we wanted to go, and it just clicked.

BS: We don't want this to be a hobby, like a lot of other bands you might talk to.

SR: We have something to say. It reaches people. It's positive. It's all real. It's stuff that you can relate to, everyday things for a lot of different people. We're not like, 'Oh, God, everything is so bad and horrible.' You make the difference for yourself, and that's the point we're trying to get across.

DW: Whenever somebody gets down and depressed about their emotions, that's what the music is—it's emotion.

How do ya'll get songs together?

SR: When we were writing the stuff that's on the latest tape, nobody worked in the mornings except Brandon. The band would get together and put a little something together and work on that all day. We'd give them to [Brandon] and he'd listen to them for two or three days on his way to work, in the shower, just constantly. Then the next time we'd rehearse, he would show up and there would be lyrics, and it was good stuff—he's for real.

BS: I want to make an effort for this to be something that makes you want to get up and do something. I don't want to dwell on the negativity.

Why did you write a song about the Psychic Friends Network? It's funny, and I love it—but why write about that of all things?

DW: It's four o'clock in the morning and all you see is Dionne Warwick.

SR: Do you really have $3.99 a minute to blow on somebody who doesn't even know you?

DW: If you gotta go to somebody else for questions about your own life, what's the point?

BS: I don't want to watch that but it comes on every channel, every channel. It's scary, man, that people would spend that much money on that kind of stuff. Here's a quarter, boy, get you a life.

It's like the slower part of the song says—whatever religion you may be, put a little bit more faith in that religion. Put some faith in yourself, do something for yourself, answer your own questions. These people have no idea, people are throwing money away, and it's being forced upon me, too.

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Our View

Have we replaced God?

Morag and Megan. Funny how two sheep from Scotland could have started such an uproar. But when they were successfully cloned from embryo cells last March, we all knew something bigger would come of it.

And it did.

In February, Dr. Ian Wilmut cloned a lamb from an adult sheep cell , showing us that it would be possible to take a single cell from any living being (maybe even one of us) and make its clone.

Scary.

But wait, it gets even scarier. Recently researchers from George Washington University Medical Center in Washington D.C. cloned a human embryo. And although the embryo and clone were later destroyed, they were a very real indication of what lies ahead. (Some researchers say it may only be a few years before the first human is cloned.)

> "Cloning involves the creation of life and, like it or not, brings into question the existence of a clone-soul"

Now the question that seems to be dominating the news, the Internet and even some collegiate discussions is whether or not human cloning is moral and ethical.

Some say that technology always moves faster than ethics and this may be true. You can point out that technological advancements such as flying, space travel, heart transplants and in vitro fertilization were all thought of as something mankind shouldn't meddle in. And granted, all of these things are now accepted and used responsibly and to our advantage (for the most part). But transportation, exploration and medicine are immensely different from the idea of human cloning.

Cloning involves the creation of life and, like it or not, brings into question the existence of a clone-soul. God gave each of us life and he gave us each a soul. Would he give clones a soul too? Or would you be expected to share your soul with your replica?

This is a question some say is made more complicated here in the South than it should be, because we bring God into the discussion. But even if you don't bring God into the discussion, there are several other reasons that 46 percent of the people interviewed in a national poll believe cloning should be outlawed.

One other possible consequence is the unintentional creation of a subhuman class. Would clones be given the same rights?

As of now, it is illegal to use federal research funds in the United States to clone human embryos and President Clinton recently suggested that there be an international ban on it. Sounds like there must also be some concerns among government officials about where cloning might lead if they are suggesting international bans.

Some may say that since God gave us the ability and the knowledge to perform cloning, why shouldn't we do it? Just because God gave us the technology doesn't mean we have to use it.

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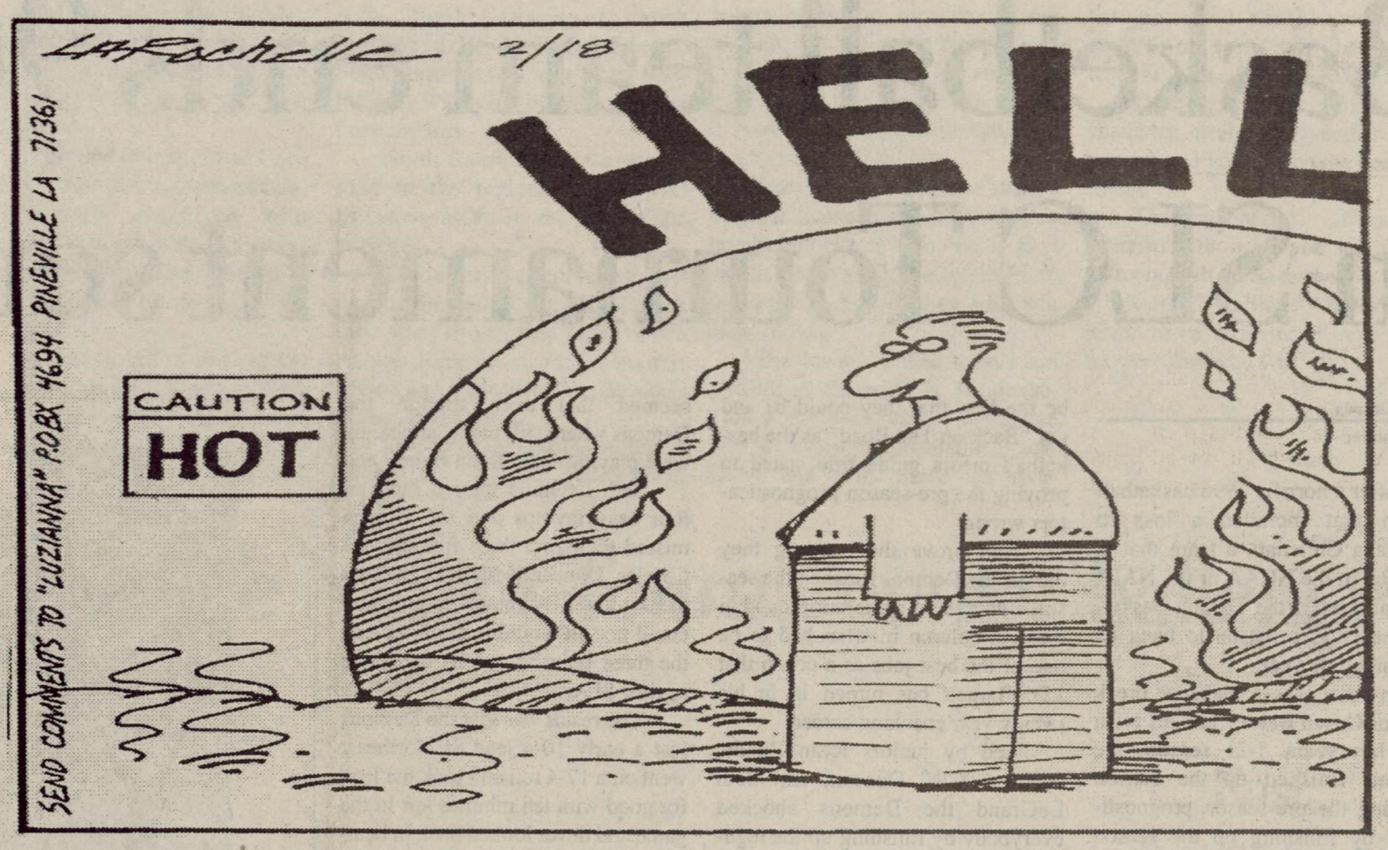
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Columnist wonders if you know whats going on in Natchitoches

The Gospel of Jeff

Jeff Burkett

Have you ever stopped to wonder what happens here in the city of Natchitoches?

I know that life here at NSU is so intriguing that we sometimes tend to forget about our surrounding host city, but if you stop and put your ear to the streets you would not only be shocked but totally disgusted at some of the B.S. that is scooped into the face of the residents on a daily basis.

In any "normal" community, safety on the roadways, highways and byways has always been of large concern. We have working stoplights, lines painted on the roads, speed limits, and for a town of this size and extra large police force.

Sounds like the city is concerned, right? Well if they supposedly give a damn about us, that would be every licensed driver in Natchitoches, then why does the city constantly bicker, fight, and hesitate to take action on building a new Keyser Ave. bridge?

Evidently the city must be waiting for the decrepit old structure to crumble under rush hour traffic and take a few innocent lives with it.

I'll tell you this, for as much as I travel across that nasty old thing I already have my last will and testament prepared and an attorney on retainer for the momentous collapse.

I feel that the city will move into action, but only after they have lost millions to the families of the dead travelers whose lives were claimed by the river spanning death trap!

Another major problem of this town lies in the area of public education. Now from what I have seen of the city schools in Natchitoches, despite their rough conditions, the faculty does a great job in turning out well educated students.

The schools however are not to blame, the problem lies in the corrupt operation of the Natchitoches school board!

Never in my life have I seen a group where the students needs for a free quality education are put second to extortion and political back stabbing among it's members.

Another problem in Natchitoches lies in the basic constitutional right of pursuit of happiness. Now think, if you wanted to move your existing business from one location of the hysterical district to another part of it, you would be embraced by the city as trying to create commerce and provide a worthwhile service to visitors of this town.

Not only has the city stomped on the feet of many of it's local businesses, but it has also managed to run a few completely out of town.

Now these are not businesses that are offensive or objectional, but businesses that have added to the cultural and social upgrading of the non-conformist local attitude.

Sounds again like if you want to get something done you have to have an Italian friend named Guido who will talk to the godfather and hopefully get his blessing so you can open a business, provide for your family, and live a happy life.

I know your probably flipping out because it sounds like I give a damn about this town, but who knows, even the most stubborn individuals can eventually change. Maybe I should run this town?

Student encouraging "Joe Average" to let his opinions be heard

Guest Columnist

Heath White

I would like to take this opportunity to follow up on a couple of articles that appeared in the past two consecutive issues of The Current Sauce.

The first article, of which I was the author, provided a somewhat satirical account of condiment inequality. I am pleased to announce that it did not take the enlistment of Tom Cruise to accomplish this Mission Impossible.

As a result of that article, you can now purchase Polynesian sauce for the everyday low price of only 15 cents.

The second article I would like to address is that of Paul Ayo entitled "Student Tired of All of the Whining and Complaining Around Campus".

In case some of you have forgotten, in this article the esteemed guest columnist got his panties all bunched up because students chose to vent their frustrations in the mass media.

At first, this article caused me to wonder if I really knew what a newspaper was. The definition of a newspaper is something I guess I always took for granted. After consulting good old "Mr. Webster", my doubts were laid to rest. I learned that a newspaper is a paper printed and distributed to convey news, advocate opinions, ~

As a result of this enlightening discovery, you can come to only one of two conclusions. Either Mr. Ayo was wrong to discourage students from voicing their opinions in The Current Sauce, or he was right and people shouldn't use the newspaper to correct perceived injustices.

Although I am ofthe opinion that Mr. Ayo's argument is flawed, lets assume, for argument's sake, that the entire campus agreed with his petty commentary, and The Current Sauce is not the proper place to lodge a complaint.

A quote from his article states, "People will complain about anything and everything these days." To this vast list of things people complain about can now be added Paul Ayo's complaint about other people complaining.

As I read this article, all I could hear in the back of my mind was Alanis Morissette singing "isn't it ironic." I've got a new verse for her song. Isn't it ironic that someone would take time to write an article complaining about people complaining.

Well, don't you think?

The part of this article I found particularly irksome was when he said, "most of the people you are whining to can't do anything about these problems."

I would like for Mr. Ayo to take his own advice. There is only one person who could have alleviated his pain and suffering, and that is the author of the article which bothered him so much. Next time he should try talking to them first.

In conclusion, did Mr. Ayo really believe the ingenious solution to curbing the excessive complaining was to "moan, whine, and bitch" some more.

Perhaps, he felt his complaint was the mother of all complaints and would end this cycle forever. Although it might appear that I myself am complaining about someone complaining about someone complaining, this is not the case at all.

I am merely encouraging Joe Average to stand up and let his opinions be heard, in whatever medium he chooses. If someone doesn't want to hear it, they have the right to avoid that medium.

One final note to the loquacious guest columnist, Paul Ayo, if you had bothered to read my article carefully, you would have known that forefathers is not spelled "for Fathers".

I wonder how many mistakes like this one can make before they are thrown into Mr. Ayo's class of "mindless twits"?

Inquiring minds want to know.

News 22 Anchor upset with harsh criticism from last week's letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

As part of the NSU 22 news crew, I'd like to respond to the article on our newscast that was in the paper last week. I'd like to begin by saying that ALL of our viewers' opinions can only be assets to our newscast, especially, from a psychology major.

I couldn't help but notice some of the key words in the article such as: "professionals" and "the only people that would hire you are those folks who would like to use you as an example of what not to do on a broadcast." Let me remind you that NSU 22 is a learning environment for Northwestern's journalism majors.

The key words are, "learning environment." And taking criticisms from clueless people like you does come with our profession, but usually, in a more intelligent and "professional" manner, but it's safe to assume that your definition of "professional" and mine are quite opposites. Ever heard of constructive criticism?

Look it up.

And as for the part where you basically beat around the bush about the people in the newscast being jobless in the future, well, if you'd have done your research like a good little student, you would know that some of us on the crew have already been employed in our profession.

In either case, one of our main goals in a television broadcast is ratings. So that you won't start analyzing what "ratings" mean, Mr. psychology major, I'll save you some trouble.

"Ratings" are determined by viewers, yes, like you, and the more viewers, the higher the ratings. I can only thank you for boosting NSU 22's ratings and apparently our newscast was interesting and important enough for you to watch it so carefully. Thanks for watching!

Christine Chang

Sports

Basketball team ends 96-97 season in SLC Tournament semi-finals

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

After a horrific 1996 basketball season that included a loss to Louisiana Christian, a team that is not even in the NCAA or the NAIA for that matter, the Demon basketball team has a reason to hang its head high this year.

In what was a make or break year for Coach Barnett and his team after last years 5-21 season, the Demons finished up the season shocking the pre-season prognosticators by finishing up the season with a 13-1 5 record.

Even though the Demons lost to Northeast in the Southland Conference Tournament semi-finals 74-58, the no-name Demon players gave Northwestern basketball fans a reason to look forward to next year.

After last years season coach Barnett had many reasons to believe that this years team could be worse then last years team.

To make matters worse Barnett had lost his two top scorers from last year Charlie Johnson and Gary Henderson who quit the team and transferred to other universities. Then Barnett lost two of his assistant coaches; Rick McCormick and Steve Payne who left to coach at other schools.

Facing all this adversity at the beginning of pre-season it was a no brainier when everybody picked Northwestern to finish last or next to last in the Southland Conference.

The players however, responded to Coach Barnett's challenge to be the best that they could be and got "Back on The Road" as the basketball media guide title stated to proving the pre-season prognosticators wrong.

And prove them wrong they did, as the Demons finished the season with a eight game turnaround in the win column in what had to be one of the best jobs as a coach that J.D. Barnett has turned in in his twenty year coaching career.

Led by juniors Ryan Bundy, Charles "CD" Duncan, and Seth LeGrand the Demons shocked everybody by finishing up the regular season at 8-8 in the Southland Conference and in fourth place in the conference.

"I feel bad for the kids, but it was good in a way to see the tears and this will motivate them for next year to push their game to the next level."

Athletic Director Greg Burke

They then stormed into Shreveport as a team on a mission to win the Southland Conference basketball tournament and promptly beat Stephen F. Austin 85-64 in a first round game.

The players were excited after the game but they also knew that their next game in the tournament would come against a team that they had not beaten all season Northeast Louisiana.

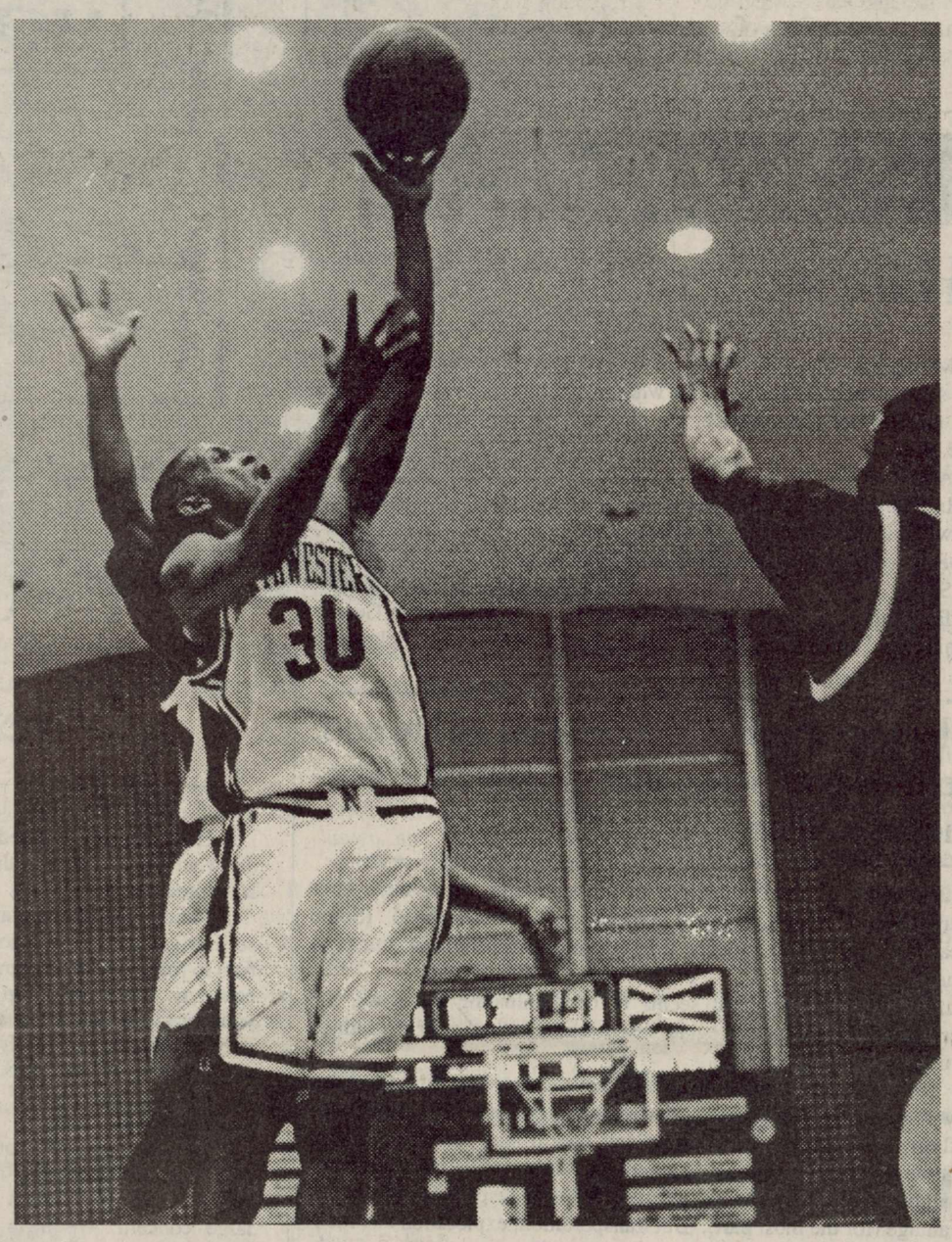
The Demons appeared to be ready for Northeast as the game was close in the first five minutes. But it seemed that even though the Demons where still in the game they were playing tight. Ryan Bundy and Seth LeGrand missed three or four easy lay-ups and the Demon missed their first three free throws. Charles Duncan who had the hot hand in the SFA game was cold and could not hit anything from outside the three point arc as he had done against SFA.

The result was that the Demons lost a early 10-4 lead as Northeast went on a 17-4 run and took the lead for good with ten minutes left in the game and never looked back in beating the Demons 74-58.

After the game the guys were really mad in the fact that they had let a great opportunity slip through their fingers. All was not lost however as the tears dried up as the players realized that their season was over.

Charles Duncan was named to the all Southland Conference tournament team. The team also gained valuable tournament experience which should help them next year as they make their push to win the automatic NCAA bid next year by winning the Southland Conference tournament.

As Athletic Director Greg Burke said after the game, "I feel bad for the kids but it was good in a way to see the tears and this will motivate them for next year to push their game to the next level."



Charles Duncan goes for the score against NLU. Duncan was named to the All-Southland ConferenceTournament Team.

file photo

Demons lose tough conference game to Northeast, 72-54

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Northwestern State basketball teams dreams of a automatic bid came crashing to a halt as they lost 72-54 to Northeast Louisiana in the semi-finals of the Southland Conference basketball tournament.

The Demons played well in the first seven minutes of the game and even had a 10-4 lead early in the game. Then the dam burst wide open for the Demons as Seth LeGrand and Ryan Bundy missed several lay-ups and their first three free throws as Northeast went on a 10-1 run and took the lead for good.

Cold shooting was the culprit for the Demons as they hit only 1-16 from the three point line after they had shot 50% (10-20) from behind the arc in their first round game against Stephen F. Austin.

Dameon McQuarters had 15 points and 7 rebounds in the game. Charles Duncan who was named to the Southland Conference all tournament team also chipped in 13 points and Seth LeGrand added 10 points and 15 rebounds in the disappointing loss.

Coach Barnett was clearly disappointed after the game and said, "we played bad and it's just a matter of having enough good players to come off the bench and contribute if our starters are having a bad night."

Point guard Ryan Bundy was also disappointed but his last words as he left the Hirsch Coliseum interview room were "we'll be back next year and we want to win it all."

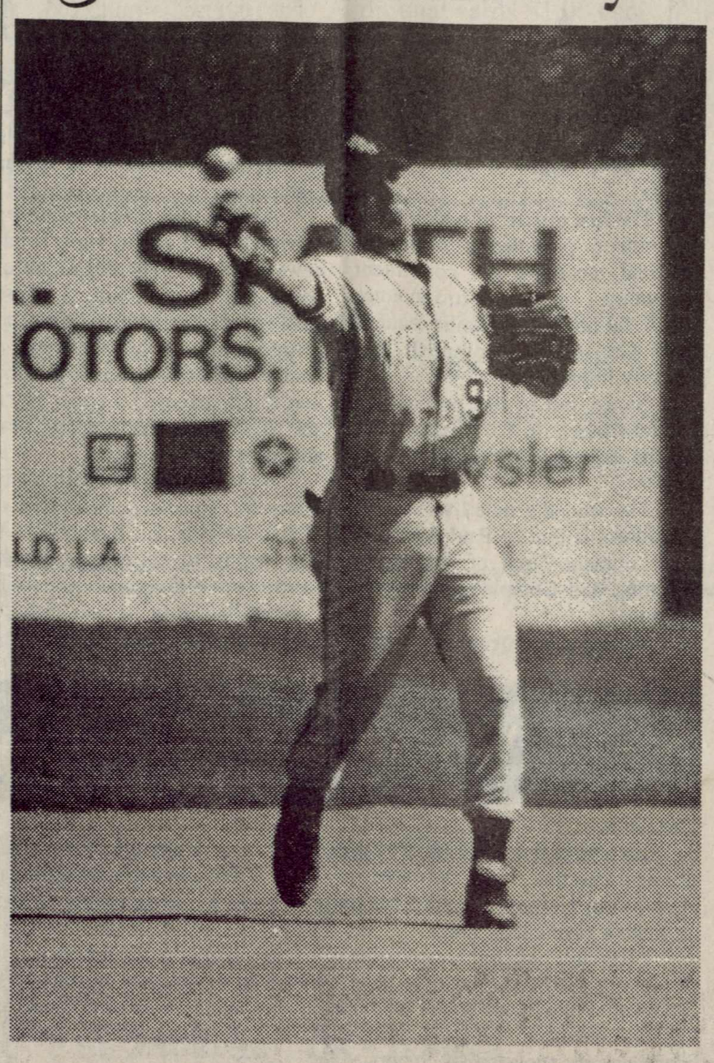
In the first round game the Demons played SFA and waxed them 85-64. Charles Duncan had 18 points on 70% shooting including 4-7 behind the three point line. Sam Alexander added 13 points and Dameon McQuarters chipped in 12 points and 7 rebounds in the win.

The Demons were red hot in the game shooting 50% (10-20) on three pointers and just could not miss a shot in the second half shooting 64%.

The Demons season is over but they should hold their heads high after a very productive season. They finished the year 13-15 overall and that might not seem good but compared to the 5-21 of a year ago it was a miracle that they did this.

The team and coach Barnett should be commended for a job well done. With all five starters back for next year we should look forward to better things to come next season from the Demon cagers.

Demon baseball wins two out of three against University of Texas-San Antonio



Demon baseball won two out of three at UTSA, preparing to play in Hammond on Thursday.

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

The NSU Demon Baseball team swept two out of three games over the University of Texas-San Antonio last weekend at Roadrunner Field.

The Demons used a five run seventh inning to cruise to a 10-2 victory in the first game of a Southland Conference baseball doubleheader against the University of Texas-San Antonio Saturday afternoon, but they could not maintain the drive and slipped to the Roadrunners in the second game, 6-3.

The Demons broke a three game losing streak with the victory in game one exploding for 13 hits in the game.

The rain and wind didn't stop second baseman, Robert Hewes and third baseman Derek Nunn when it came to helping their team. Each slammed deep home runs in the top of the seventh inning to ensure the victory.

Opening the inning with a blast over the centerfield wall, Hewes raised the Demons lead to 6-2.

Working as a team, the Demons showed off their sportsmanship when a double down the left field line by Fred Ortega set up Nunn's tow run homer as he cranked a towering drive over the left field fence.

The game was tied at two heading into the sixth inning but the Demons got three runs off a three RBI double by centerfielder Brent Trosclair with tow outs to snare a 5-2 lead and blew the game open in the seventh.

Saturday's rain didn't stop the Demons, but Sunday shine lit up Roadrunner field as the Demons left UTSA victorious with a 8-5 victory.

The Demons came alive in the sixth inning after showing signs of life scoring one run in the top of the fifth to cut the three run shortage to two at 4-2, and scored five runs in the sixth inning to grab the lead for the first time since the second inning.

Leftfielder, Brent Trosclair led off the sixth by taking first after being hit in the foot to start the rally for the Demons. A walk of third baseman, Nunn put runners on first and second with no outs.

The score held 7-4 until the top of the eighth inning when , with two outs, catcher Ryan Appleton scored from first as a pickoff attempt was mishandled and the ball sailed into the right field allowing Appleton home and giving the Demons an 8-4 lead.

Pitcher, David Balcer, held UTSA at bay for the rest of the inning and closed them out in order in the ninth to give the Demons the 2-1 series win after splitting the doubleheader on Saturday.

The Demons will travel to Hammond Thursday to take on the Southeaster Lions and will return to Northwestern to host Southwest Texas in a double header Saturday beginning at noon and again Sunday at 1p.m.

The Fan picks favorites for NCAA tournament

Just a Fan

Don Harper

The Madness has begun and basketball fans all over the world are getting their brackets ready to put them up against their friends to see who wins the whole caboodle.

Well, our caboodle just so happens to be two, count'em, two DOMINATORS from DOMINOS. Get your Brackets in now and take your chance at winning the DOMINATORS and having bragging rights over THE FAN.

In case you have a minor sight impediment, you will find the brackets here in the sports pages.

In case you missed it last week, you can turn your brackets in to the journalism office on the second floor of Kyser Hall in room 225 at the reception desk.

On to my picks; I am going to give you my picks for the final eight first. In the west Kentucky will see no trouble along the road to the great eight.

I see a hard fought battle between Wake Forest and Utah but in overtime, I see the UTES taking it to Tim Duncan and the Demon Deacons to move on to the West regional final.

In the Midwest regional I see some excellent competition. Clemson will meet up with Minnesota and move on as the best conference in basketball, the ACC will get it's first of several in the great eight.

The bottom half of this bracket shows some possible upsets as well. Iowa St. will have to be in the zone to beat Cincinnati, so I am going to go with Cincinnati over UCLA in a minor upset to move on to play Clemson.

The east regional holds some national championship possibilities with North Carolina and South Carolina as No. 1 and No. 2 seeds. South Carolina will have slight trouble with Wisconsin but will move on none the less.

North Carolina has the easiest road to the regional finals with Villanova as No. 4 seed and Indiana at No. 8.

The selection committee took it easy on the DEAN this year. I guess they want to see him move above Adolph Rupp in all time wins this season and a possible championship in the same year.

Now, let's talk about the hottest team in college basketball, KANSAS. I don't want to hear any wining or "what ifs", they are the indisputable No. 1.

Kansas does have some speed bumps along the way, though but they are just that speed bumps.

Purdue will fight for about 10 minutes but after that they are going to have to take it like a champ and head on back to Indiana.

Maryland has the best chance to upset Kansas but I don't see that happening either. As much as I would like to see Maryland move to the great eight, Kansas will win hands down.

The lowest ranked team I am picking to move on is Marquette. This is my dark horse. Marquette will use every tool available to beat Duke and will move on over Georgia on a momentum high.

That's the way I see it happening and I don't expect you to agree. But if you don't get off of your lazy, hair-growin butt and fill out a bracket it'll be me sittin' back and enjoyin' those DOMINATORS.

Once again I am making my challenge clear. I'm smarter than you are and your mama dresses you funny.

The Fan's Motto: If you are satisfied with who you are today then you will go no farther.

But, if you have the desire to know more, experience more, and be more then you will.

The Domino's/ Current Sauce NCAA Tournament Challenge

Midwest

1 Minnesota (27-3)
16 SW Texas (16-12)

8 Mississippi (19-7)
9 Temple (17-9)

Kansas City, MO

5 Tulsa (22-8)
12 Boston U (25-4)

4 Clemson (21-9)
13 Miami (OH) (21-8)

San Antonio, TX

6 Iowa St. (20-8)
11 Illinois (24-5)

3 Cincinatti (25-7)
14 Butler (23-9)

Auburn Hills, MI

7 Xavier (OH) (22-5)
10 Vanderbilt (19-11)

2 UCLA (21-7)
15 Charleston Southern (17-12)

East

1 North Carolina (24-6)
16 Fairfield (11-18)

8 Indiana (22-10)
9 Colorado (21-9)

Winston-Salem, NC

5 California (20-8)
12 Princeton (24-3)

4 Villanova (23-9)
13 Long Island (21-8)

Syracuse, NY

6 Louisville (23-8)
11 Massachusetts (18-12)

3 New Mexico (23-7)
14 Old Dominion (22-10)

Pittsburgh, PA

7 Wisconsin (18-9)
10 Texas (16-10)

2 South Carolina (24-7)
15 Coppin St. (21-8)

Check next week's issue of the Current Sauce for an updated bracket

West

1 Kentucky (30-3)
16 Montana (21-10)

8 Iowa (21-9)
9 Virginia (18-11)

Salt Lake City, UT

5 Boston College (21-8)
12 Valperasio (24-6)

4 St. Joe's (PA) (24-6)
13 Pacific (24-5)

San Jose, CA

6 Stanford (20-7)
11 Oklahoma (17-9)

3 Wake Forest (23-6)
14 St. Mary's (23-7)

Tuscon, AZ

7 UNC Charlotte (21-8)
10 Georgetown (19-9)

2 Utah (21-8)
15 Navy (20-8)

Southeast

1 Kansas (32-1)
16 Jackson St. (14-15)

8 Purdue (17-11)
9 Rhode Island (18-8)

Memphis, TN

5 Maryland (21-10)
12 College of Charleston (28-2)

4 Arizona (19-9)
13 South Alabama (23-6)

Birmingham, AL

6 Illinois (21-9)
11 USC (17-10)

3 Georgia (24-8)
14 Tenn. Chatanooga (22-10)

Charlotte, NC

7 Marquette (22-8)
10 Providence (19-10)

2 Duke (23-8)
15 Murray (20-9)

For more information on the Domino's/ Current Sauce NCAA Tournament Challenge contact Don Harper at 357-5456.

Campus Connections

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Invites you to share in their annual "AKA Week" March 10-13. Health fair 1997 will be conducted from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Student Union Lobby , on March 10. Other events include a spring social called "Sista to Sista" open to all women on campus. Join us in the Cane River Room at 8:00 pm to discuss issues facing today's woman. On March 12, AKA will host a Game Show Buzz at 8:00 pm in the Alley. For more information about AKA Week events, contact ant member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Catholic Student Organization
The CSO will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser Sat., March 15 from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm and Sun,, March 16 from noon until 7:00pm at Holy Cross Church. Dinners cost $4.00 and include meatballs and spaghetti, salad and dessert.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Local Sisterhood Week: Sun., March 9—Beatillion '97 @ 5:00 pm will be held at Parks Elementary School, 800 Koonce St. Treat Day will be held Mon., March 10 in Kyser @ 9:00 am. Red and white treats will be sold at the bake sale. Tues., March 11 is Depression Awareness Day. Pamphlets will be available in the Student Union Lobby. Poetry night "Shades of You: A Night of Enlightenment" will be held Wed., March 12 at 7:00 pm in the President's Room. Thurs., March 13 a social, "How the OOO-OOPS Got Their Groove Back," in the President's Room starting at 10:00 pm.

Panhellenic Association
Sorority chapters are encouraged to get involved with the community wide effort to purchase smoke detectors for senior citizens! The deadline for submitting funds for smoke detectors is March 13. We are having a friendly competition with the NSU fraternities and we want to win!!! Lowe's of Natchitoches is sponsoring the project and needs the support of all Greeks and non-Greeks to provide our community with a much needed service. Women's Month Seminars kick off tonight with Self Defense Tactics, presented by Det. Doug Prescott, and Wednesday night with Eating Disorders presented by Mindi Holland. Both sessions will begin at 6:00 pm in the President's Room of the Student Union. Contact Emily Leonard, Panhellenic Scholarship & Education Chairman for more information . Panhellenic members should plan to visit their little sisters this week. The Panhellenic St. Patrick's Dance will be held Mon., March 17. Please see Angelique Duhon for tee-shirt orders and more information.

Pan-Hellenic Council
The Pan-Hellenic Council will celebrate "Pan-Hellenic Week" March 17-20 at Northwestern State University. The week is dedicated as a sign of unity among all NSU chapters of Pan-Hellenic Council. March 17th will kick off the of festivities as all members will distribute information and treats at the post office from 11:30 to 12:30. On March 18th, a "Night at the Movies" will be held at the Dixie Street Boys and Girls Club. On March 19th, NPHC members will return to the Boys and Girls Club to host a pre-Easter egg hunt for area youth from 4 - 5:30 pm. The final event of the week will be a night out at the Parkway Cinema for movies and fun. All Greeks are encouraged to wear their letters and come out and support NPHC Week. For more information on events, contact your chapter's Pan-Hellenic Council delegates.

KNWD
All staff members are reminded to attend the mandatory meeting this Thursday at 4:00 p.m. 138 Kyser Hall. If you do not attend you will be fired. Applications will also be accepted for open DJ positions at this time to replace those who did not show up.

Phi Mu Fraternity
The campus trash pick-up is Sat. March 15. Meet in front of the Student Union at 9:00 am. Everyone please attend parents banquet at noon on Sat. March 15 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Remember the Panhellenic St. Patrick's Day dance in the ballroom from 9:00 pm to midnight on March 17.

Sigma Sigma Sigma
Attention all you SIGMAS!! Tuesday there will be a service meeting at 6:00, and don't forget about the exchange with Sigma Nu, from 7:00 - 10:00. Sisterhood will be Wednesday at the house from 8:00 to 10:00. There will be a softball jamboree at 3:00 on Thursday, and a softball meeting at 5:00. Saturday, service is having a trash pick-up from 8:00 - 11:00, meeting on Front St., at Kafee Frederick. New Crew Captains need to meet at 3:00 on Sunday the 16th. Panhellenic is holding a St. Patrick's Day dance on Monday the 17th, and this will be SISTERHOOD! Sigma Sigma Sigma loves you!!

Student Government Association Filings
SGA filings have opened. They are from Tuesday until noon on Friday. The positions open are 15 senator-at-large positions, seven SAB representatives, treasurer of SGA (must have taken two accounting classes), SGA president and vice-president (must run on the ticket together and served on SGA for two consecutive semesters). Applications are in the SGA office and can be turned in to Fred Fulton's office. If you have any questions, please call 357-4501 and ask to speak to the commissioner of elections.

Tax Returns Prepared for Free
Accounting students at Northwestern are volunteering their time to prepare tax returns for low-income individuals. The students will be supervised by some of the accounting faculty. Electronic filing and/or direct deposit will be available. The free service will be available in Morrison Hall Room 206 on Wednesdays 2:30 to 5:30 pm and on Saturdays 1 to 3 pm. No appointment is needed. Taxpayers need to bring the W-2 forms, 1099 forms for interest, unemployment, etc, booklets received in the mail from federal and state, a copy of last year's return (if available), receipts for medical and dental bills, taxes paid, mortgage interest paid , charitable contributions made, business expenses and any other information the taxpayer has to file a return. If filing a joint return , both taxpayers need to be present. In order to file electronically 2 forms of identification are needed, including a picture ID. For additional information, please call 357-5161.

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Blooms for Health
Blooms for Mental Health Sat., March 15. Students may come by Akin's nursery at 5901 E. Kings Highway between 10 am and 4 pm for their spring planting needs. Door prizes will be awarded each hour. A percentage of the day's proceeds go to the Mental Health Association for programs in the Shreveport-Bossier area.

New Books Delayed
At this time students should not go to the library to find new books. The SGA has delayed funding until the Fall semester when their certificates of deposit mature. Students need to checkwith librarians, who may be able to get the books in earlier than expected.

Free Lunch
The SGA will provide lunch for all NSU students on March 10, 12 and 13 between 11:30 and 1:00 in the atrium. They will be serving po-boys. Bring your student ID and enjoy a delicious meal.

For advertising information, contact Phillip Wise at 357-5456

College Republicans visit state capitol

Catherine Gill
Staff reporter

On March 8, eight delegates from the Northwestern State University College Republicans traveled to Baton Rouge for the Louisiana Young Republican Federation Convention.

The eight delegates consisted of Angela Pine, Chad Mills, Catherine Gill, Heather Perimon, Jeana Moore, Patrick Carlson and Mark Gibson.

Events that took place at the convention were elections for the state officers as well as an address by State Representative Steve Scalise.

Results of the election were successful with three delegates from Northwestern landing positions on the executive board. These newly elected officers are Chad Mills, at-large representative, Heather Perimon, secretary and Mark Gibson, second co-chairman.

State Representative Steve Scalise spoke on the budget and how the state money is being spent as well as where it is going.

Following the convention, the delegates also toured the state capitol. During the hour they viewed such sites as the Senate and House chambers, along with the committee rooms.

Northwestern had the second largest delegation next to Louisiana State University in attendance. The amount of delegates that may attend the convention is determined by the number of members in each organization of College Republicans.

Northwestern has over 75 members in the chapter and is the fastest growing in the state.

The College Republican National Committee is the largest and most active student political organization in the nation.

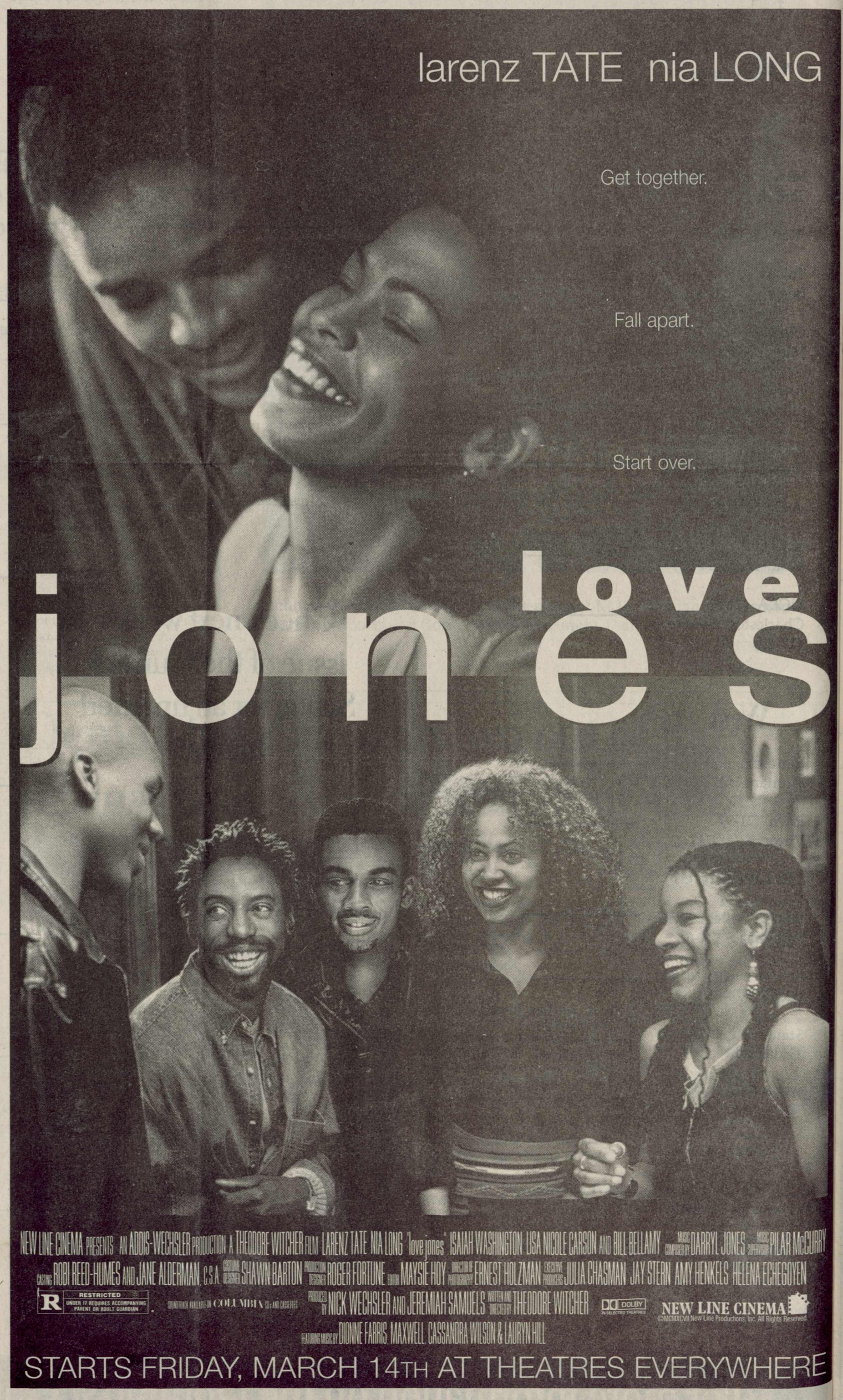
With a 103 year history, the CRNC is also the oldest political youth organization in America. It is committed to turning out millions of Republican voting young Americans and developing a compelling and fresh agenda of important issues and ideas for college aged voters.

The Northwestern chapter is not limited only to Republicans, all students interested in current issues, politics, and social affairs are welcome.

Meetings are held every Thursday in room 321 of the Student union at 6 p.m.

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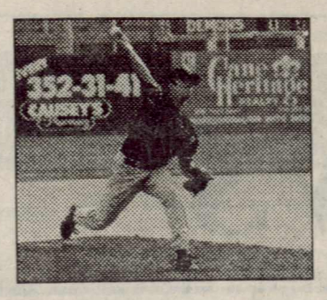
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Demons sweep SW Texas last weekend, see page 6 for details

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Enviromental lawyer Robert Kennedy Jr. to speak at 10th annual Research Day

Andrew Martin
Editor-in-chief

Robert Kennedy Jr. will be on campus as part of the 10th annual Research Day to be held on Thursday, April 3.

Kennedy, who is the chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and Senior Attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, is known as a staunch defender of environmental issues.

Kennedy has gained notoriety from a litany of successful legal actions including prosecuting governments and companies for polluting the Hudson River and Long Island Sound; winning settlements for the Hudson Riverkeeper; arguing cases to expand citizen access to the shoreline and suing sewage treatment plants to force compliance with the Clean Water Act.

"He's a pioneer as an attorney in the area of municipal and government responsibility for environmental problems," Hudson Riverkeeper John Cronin said.

Kennedy serves as chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council. He is also a clinical professor and supervising attorney at the Environmental Litigation Clinic at Pace University School of Law in New York.

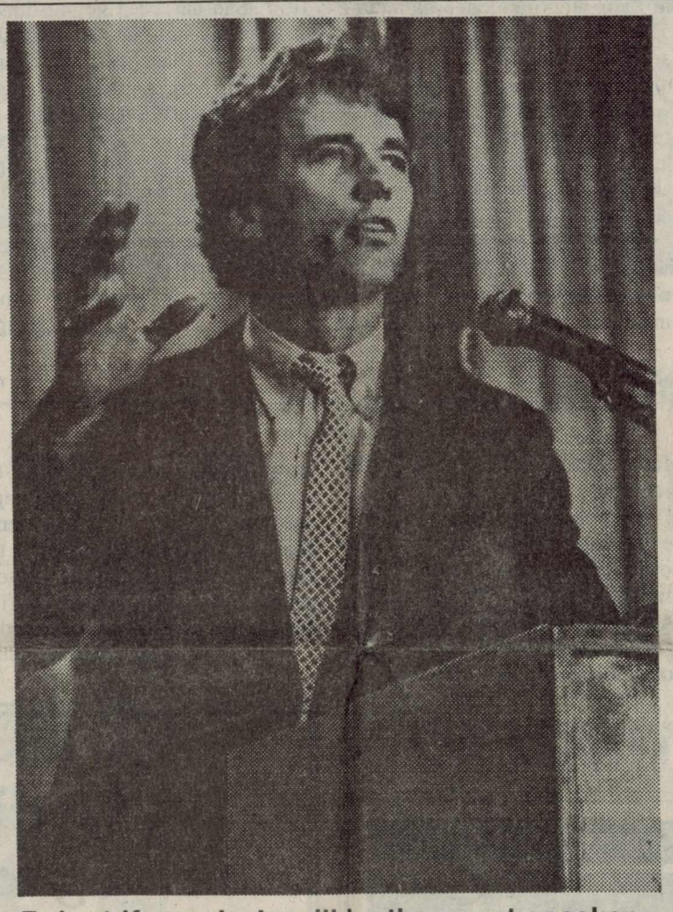
Kennedy has also worked on environmental issues across the Americas and has assisted several indigenous tribes in Latin America and Canada in successfully negotiating treaties protecting traditional homelands.

Kennedy is also credited with leading the fight to protect New York City's water supply. The New York watershed agreement, which he negotiated on behalf of environmentalists and New York City watershed consumers, is regarded as an international model in stakeholder consensus negotiations and sustainable development.

Kennedy is a graduate of Harvard University, studied at the London School of Economics and received his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School. Following graduation he attended Pace University School of Law, where he was awarded a masters degree in environmental law.

Kennedy is the guest lecturer for this year's CURIA-sponsored Research Day where more than 40 presentations are planned to be made by both University faculty and students.

Research Day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Coffee and donuts will be served in the Orville Hanchey Gallery beginning at 8 a.m. and students and faculty are encouraged to attend.



Robert Kennedy Jr. will be the guest speaker at the 10th annual Research Day on April 3

Student Advocacy Committee to increase communication between SGA and student body

Jereny Ekberg
Contributing writer

The Student Government Association passed a bill at its Feb. 10 meeting that it hopes will greatly improve communication between the student body and the SGA.

The bill, written by Senator Andrew Kolb, will set up a Student Advocacy Committee that will hear complaints and problems from all students.

The committee will then direct the student to someone who can help them or, the committee will remedy the problem itself if possible.

It is hoped that this bill will increase student involvment and solve various problems along the way.

"It's going to be a central place where students can come to with a problem or complaint," Kolb said.

Kolb also said that the committee will be staffed by students who can apply for the positions but that they will not necessarily be SGA senators.

The applications will be out sometime this week at the SGA office in the Student Union.

The director of the SAC will be appointed by the SGA president and will, in turn choose who will staff the committee.

"We want to make positions available to students who want to get involved in SGA," Kolb said.

The SAC director will serve for one year and, along with the staffers, will have office hours when they can hear student concerns.

In addition to this, there will be a 24-hour phone line open for this committee.

> "It's going to be a central place where students can come to with a problem or complaint"
>
> -Andrew Kolb

"If it's three in the morning and someone's heat is off in their dorm room, they know they can call the SGA," Kolb said. "The whole point of it is to make sure that the students get some kind of service from the SGA."

There will also be a weekly progress report on how each problem is dealt with by the SAC.

The idea for the SAC came from the Conference of Student Government

Associations that several Northwestern SGA senators attended last month at Texas A&M. The committee works well at Toledo University and delegates from the SGA there recommended the idea, Kolb said.

NSU-22 gives students hands-on training and helpful experience

Nakia Bodley
Staff reporter

NSU-22, Northwestern's student-run television station is proving to be a hands-on learning experience for broadcast journalism majors.

The fundamental principle behind the station, which is broadcast to NSU's Natchitoches campus and TCA Cable subscribers, is to give students real life experience that students can learn from.

"I don't believe you can learn anything unless you do it, " Dr. Jim Pratt, faculty advisor for NSU-22 said.

"It is a different approach to education," Pratt said. "Here you just go out and do your job and learn by doing. It's pretty good to mess up when it's not really critical. You learn by your mistakes."

Journalism students agree and feel that they benefit from the experience.

"There are not many Universities that people can go to as a first semester freshmen and get the opportunity to be in front of the camera in a anchoring position," Larry Collins, an anchor for the station said.

"I already have experience that many people don't get until their senior year," Collins said. "When I get ready to do my internship and go out into the real world, I'll have a head start."

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The programming of the station centers around events relevant to Northwestern and the Natchitoches area.

Sporting events are also rebroadcast and a business law class is also aired. The station, however, is finding it hard to locate programming that can be aired on a constant basis.

"Right now there isn't a lot going on so we play a lot of classical music with classical video behind it as filler to take up space," Collins stated "But there are a lot of plans in the works."

In the future, NSU-22 will try to get more students oriented programs that will increase the viewership of the station. Students feel that the channel needs to show more programs than those related to the arts.

"When I first started watching NSU-22, it was kind of boring," theater major Terrence Daniels, said. "It's not really something we [students] want to watch because it's basically music. A lot of people don't like that. If they show regular programming a lot of people would be into it."

Students agree and feel that if there was more programming direct

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Travel programs enable students to gain credit while visiting Ecuador, France or England

Catherine Gill
Staff Reporter

London, Paris, Quito. What better way to receive college credit than traveling abroad?

Northwestern State University is currently offering credits for fine arts, hospitality - management and tourism and art courses.

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From May 21 to June 3, Rivers Murphy will be taking a group of students to Ecuador where students will participate in drawing, photography and watercolor painting.

Since Quito prides itself in the arts and is rich in Incan history, there is much to do and see. Students will spend several days in Quito and from there, will travel the countryside to such tourist attractions as Cotacachi, Cuicocha Lake, the famous market at Otavalo Carangque and Zuleta, and the renowned Cotopaxi National Park.

The class will then board a train for a ride to Pirca and then Cuenca, the Valley of Gualaceco and Chordeleg.

The total cost including airfare, lodging, continental breakfasts, transfers, field trips and lectures is $2,350

A $100 deposit is necessary to hold a reservation. Application deadline is Tuesday and payment balance is due April 27.

Bill Brent, head of the Department of Creative and Performing Arts, will be accompanying Fine Arts 1040 students to London and Paris May 19 - 29.

While in London students will study drama and music by touring the West End, the Globe Theatre, the Tate, Albert and Victoria Museums, and many churches as well as symphony halls.

From London, students will cross the English channel via the new Chunnel train and arrive in France.

While in France, the class will travel to the "City of Lights," no, not Natchitoches, but PARIS. The Louvre, home of the Mona Lisa, Musee d'Orsay, and the acclaimed

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NSU nursing student recognized as the "Louisiana Student Nurse of the Year"

Kevin Brough
Contributing writer

Northwestern State University student, Marjorie-Helen Semones was awarded the "Student Nurse of the State" award by the Louisiana Student Nurses Association.

In recognition of her accomplishments, Semones was awarded a plaque and a $250 scholarship to help with school expenses.

"Receiving the award was a tremendous honor," Semones said. "The award gave me a tremendous amount of encouragement to continue to press on, and it also helped me to be able to encourage others in the nursing program."

Each nursing school in the state nominated one student in their program to apply for the award.

Semones had to fill out an application and write a paper about what nursing and the Student Nurses Association meant to her.

The paper was then submitted to the Louisiana Student Nurses Association's state office where a committee reviewed all submitted papers and interviewed each participant at the state convention and made a final decision.

While at Northwestern, Semones became involved with both the Baptist Student Union and the Student Nurses Association.

One of Semones' primary responsibilities as a member of the Student Nurses Association was her position as the organization's Community Health Projects officer.

"As the Community Health Projects officer, it is my responsibility to get community projects together that the SNA. can participate in," Semones said.

Some of the activities the SNA participated in included the American Cancer Society's "Walk for Life" and the American Diabetes Association's "Walk-a-thon."

Semones said that from an early age, she had always shown an interest in pursuing a career in the medical field.

Though she initially wanted to become a doctor, Semones chose nursing after completing a semester-long research project while in h igh school.

"During my 10th grade year, I did a semester-long research project on the developmental stages of Down's Syndrome children," Semones said.

During her project, Semones and other students worked hand-in-hand with Down's Syndrome students at a special school in Baton Rouge.

It is during these encounters with the children that Semones realized her calling in life.

"When I was working hand-in-hand with these exceptional children, I knew that this is what the Lord wanted me to do with my life," Semones said. "Going through nursing school and working in the hospitals during clinical rotations has been an affirmation to me knowing that this is where I am supposed to be."

Marjorie-Helen attributed her success in life to the Lord.

"The Lord has been a very positive influence and force in my life," Semones said. "He is my stronghold, my solid rock and he had been my leader in all of this.

This is the Lord's calling and my calling as to where I am supposed to be."

Semones will graduate in May.

"My future long-term goals are to go into home health care and become a home health nurse," Semones said. "I want to key in on my both my assessment and technical skills and go into the hospitals working in the area of critical care, with hopes of getting my masters degree and possibly becoming a nurse practitioner."

In closing, Semones encouraged other students pursuing nursing to "not give up."

"Put your heart into serving others and taking care of others," Semones said. "You can easily become overwhelmed with all of the academics involved, but in the end, it can be so rewarding."

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Campus Connections

Honors Banquet Awards

Students who did not pick up their Phi Kappa Phi certificates Wednesday at the honors banquet may get them from the Department of Language and Communication, rm Kyser 318.

Freshman women who were awarded Alpha Lambda Delta certificates can get them from Barbara Gillis in the Office of Testing, Student Union 306. Freshmen men who are entitled to Phi Eta Sigma certificates can pick them up from Tom Whitehead, Northwestern International Office, rm Kyser 103.

Phi Mu Fraternity

Dress up day is Wednesday. Summer Rush workshop dates are July 18, 19 and 20. Don't forget about the "Bowling in Boxers" exchange Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the bowling alley. Wear your craziest boxers. There will be study hall Monday, but no study hall on Tuesday or Wednesday due to speakers. The lectures will count as study hall hours just as they did last week. The fingerprinting project will be on April 26 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Wal-mart. We will be doing this project with Kappa Sigma and it is mandatory. The easter egg hunt will be held on March 20 from 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Roque House on Front Street.

Have a great spring break!

Sigma Sigma Sigma

Before heading out to spring break, don't forget about these reminders: service committee will be making Easter cards for veterans at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. New baseball-skit members will be having practice on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.. Thursday's softball meeting at 5 p.m. will be followed by an important chairman meeting for all committee heads at 6:30 p.m. Saturday you can meet at the TEC building for a service project from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Have a happy Easter!

International food fair

An International Food Fair will be held by the International Co-op, at 7:30 p.m. April 3 at The Columns Co-op house. Tickets are $7 for all you can eat and drink.

Acting deans appointed; taking control of academic colleges

Acting deans have been named for academic colleges at Northwestern State University, according to acting Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Thomas A. Burns.

Those named as acting deans were: Dr. Donald Hatley, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Norann Planchock, College of Nursing; Dr. Barry Smiley, College of Business; Dr. Austin L. Temple, Jr., College of Science and Technology and Dr. Sue Weaver, College of Education. According to Burns, a national search is underway for permanent deans.

Northwestern reorganized its academic structure in January.

"Northwestern is fortunate to have these qualified individuals available to serve as academic leaders," said Burns. "It is evident from their accomplishments that they are involved in scholarly endeavors and public activities which reflect well on their appointments as acting deans."

Hatley has been a member of Northwestern's faculty since 1968. He taught for four years as a teaching assistant at Texas A&M University at Commerce where he earned his bachelor's, masters and doctorate.

At Northwestern, Hatley has served as director of the Louisiana Folklife Center which seeks to document and preserve the area's folk culture. He is the director of the annual Natchitoches - NSU Folk Festival which has been named as one of the Top 20 Monthly Tourism Events in the region by the Southeastern Tourism Association. Hatley has published numerous papers and made presentations on folklife in regional, national and international publications and at conferences.

He has served as a consultant, producer or project director for a number of audiovisual projects with organizations including CBS, Turner Broadcasting, Louisiana Public Broadcasting and the Louisiana Division of the Arts. Hatley was president of the NSU Faculty Senate and was chair and founder of the Distinguished Lecture Series which has brought a number of prominent national figures to Northwestern.

Planchock has been a member of Northwestern's faculty since 1977. She has been acting director of the Division of Nursing since July, 1996. Planchock has been in charge of NSU's graduate program in nursing since 1987. She has also worked as a clinical -more director in critical care areas at Toledo Hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

Planchock also served as a faculty member for a R.N. Refresher Course offered by the Ohio Department of Health, a clinical instructor at the Toledo Hospital School of Nursing. She has also worked in intensive care units at hospitals in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

She earned a diploma from the Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing, her bachelor's and master's degree from The Ohio State University and a doctorate at Texas Women's University.

Over the past eight years, Planchock has published more than a dozen papers in national professional journals. She has also made more than two dozen local, state and national presentations.

Smiley has been director of the Division of Business since 1990. He previously served as dean of the College of Business and Applied Sciences at NSU from 1983 to 1986. From 1986 until 1990, Smiley was director of NSU's Small Business Development Center and a professor of marketing.

During his tenure as director of the Division of Business, the program was accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs and achieved candidate status from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

Smiley received his bachelor's degree from Duke University, his master's at San Jose State University and his doctorate at Louisiana Tech University.

Before coming to NSU, he was chairman and professor in the Department of Business Administration at Louisiana College. He was on the faculty at Columbus College and Texas A&M University - Commerce.

Smiley served as president of the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce in 1990 and was the Natchitoches Parish Man of the Year in 1989.

Temple has been at NSU since 1970 as an assistant professor, associate professor and professor of mathematics. He was also director of admissions from 1977 until 1980 and registrar from 1980 until 1983.

In 1983, he was named chairman of the Department of Mathematics in 1983, chairman of the Department of Mathematics and Sciences in 1988 and Director of the Division of Mathematics and Sciences in 1994.

Temple has helped the Division obtain more than $1.8 million in grants, overseen two departments as they gained national accreditation and developed a number of cooperative agreements to strengthen Northwestern's academic programs.

Temple formed the Space Science Group in 1991 which has developed a successful program using space science to teach math and science to middle school students. He coproduced the program

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Musee Picasso will be some of the museums toured.

Not only will fine arts students be traveling on this tour but also hospitality, management and tourism students. These students will be under the direction of Lynn Woods and will accompany fine arts students for part of the trip.

While the fine arts group is touring sights such as the museums, hospitality, management and tourism students will be traveling to the Loire Valley to visit wineries, the Dorchester and the Ritz to tour the five star hotels, and Simpson's on the Strand, to see where the filming of "Howard's End" occurred.

Hospitality and tourism related activities will be focused on in Woods' group while art appreciation will be focused on in Brent's.

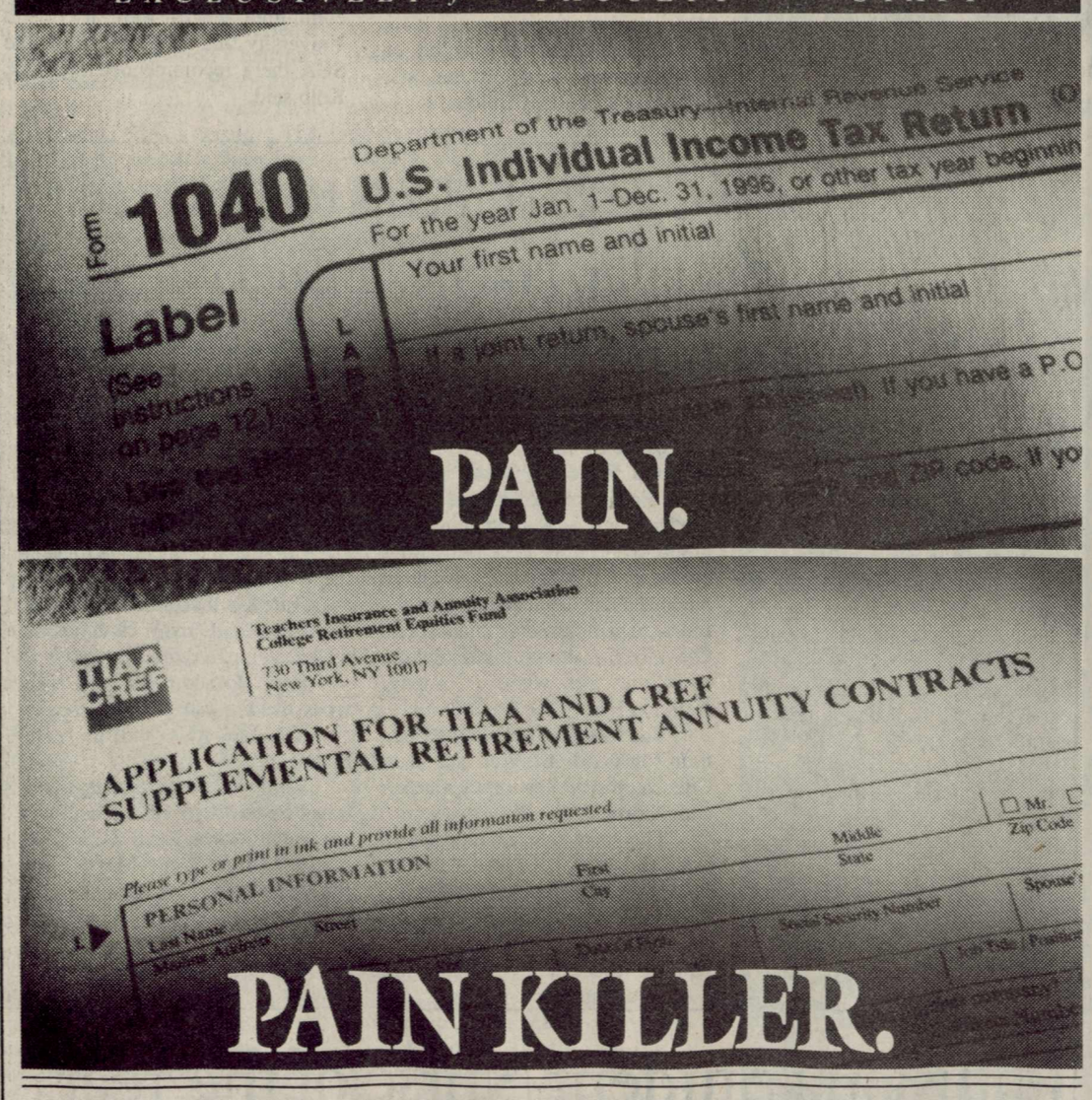
For more information on any of the trips contact Thomas Whitehead in 103 Kyser Hall or call 357-5456.

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ed toward them they would watch the station on a constant basis.

"I think the NSU channel is O.K.," Karondelet Jackson, education major, said. "I think we need it, but there needs to be other things on there so we can be more interested in it."

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Joseph Dellmon Collection
An exhibit featuring photographs from the Joseph Dellmon Collection will be on display at the Cammie G. Henry Research Center at Watson Memorial Library on the Northwestern State University campus through the end of March. The Dellmon Collection consists of approximately 8,000 photographs dating from the Civil War through the 1970's. Many of the photographs are unique, showing the life and development of Central Louisiana as well as social and technological developments in the area. Dellmon was a native of Pine Bluff, Ark. and moved to Alexandria in 1916. In 1918, he married Myrtle Huie, daughter of H.M. Huie, a co-founder of the Alexandria Town Talk. Throughout his life Dellmon was engaged in a number of professional pursuits. In 1929, he organized an aviation club and was instrumental in securing Alexandria's first airport. He also secured the first airline passenger service for Alexandria. Dellmon was also one of the original 12 members of the Louisiana State Police. Dellmon donated his collection of photographs, five scrapbooks, index, negatives, artwork and equipment to the NSU archives. The donation was made with the stipulation that all or parts of the collection could not be sold and that the collection would be made available to all responsible researchers.

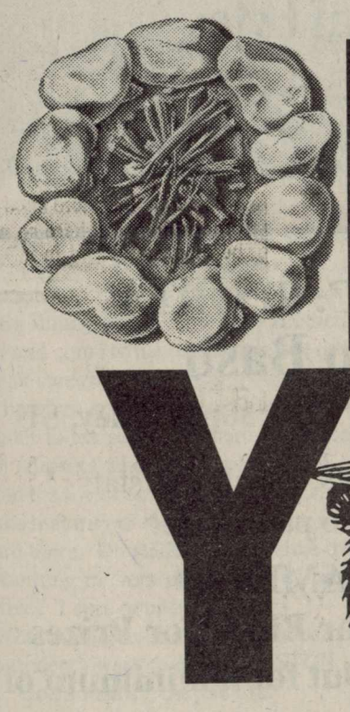
"Dining in Natchitoches"
The NSU Club Soccer Teams are sponsoring their fourth annual "Dining in Natchitoches" Raffle in cooperation with area restaurants. First Prize is a meal for two at each of seven establishments for a total of fourteen meals. Second Prize is a meal for two each of five area restaurants. The Third Prize will include a meal for two at three restaurants. The drawing will be held on April 6, 1997. These teams are not affiliated with the athletic department. The club must raise money to pay for uniforms and equipment. Tickets are available from club members for $1.00 per ticket or by calling 352 4750. Your support is appreciated.

Roach receives two-year grant
Dr. Linda Roach, an assistant professor of science at Northwestern State University, has received a two-year grant of $60,900 from the Louisiana Collaborative for Excellence in the Preparation of Teachers (LaCEPT). The project, "Improving Preservice Elementary Science and Math Preparation," will fund re-design of the science courses taken by preservice teachers. These include Science 1010, 1020, and 2010. Under the grant, public school teachers and supervisors, campus laboratory school teachers and recent NSU graduates will consult with university faculty to suggest improvements to the undergraduate curricula that will better meet the needs of beginning teachers and to establish communication among key stakeholders.

NSU's Chamber Choir to perform at Carnegie Hall
Northwestern State University's Chamber Choir will perform at one of the world's great concert halls, Carnegie Hall in New York City, on Sunday, March 23. The choir will be under the direction of NSU Director of Choral Activities Dr. Burt Allen and accompanied by Instructor of Music Christine Allen. The performance will make up a major segment of a Palm Sunday program sponsored and arranged by Mid-America Productions of New York City. The three-part program will also include the New York Youth Honors Orchestra, the New England Symphonic Ensemble and combined choirs from Pineville High School, DeQuincy High School, Texas, Wisconsin, Colorado and New Mexico. Allen will also guest conduct the 250-voice New England Symphonic Ensemble. The Chamber Choir will do three evening songs by Brahms, "Der Abend," "Nachtens" and "Rote Abend." Scott Greer will be the featured soloist. They will also perform three pieces by American composers, "At the Cry of the First Bird," by Michael Larkin, "My Silks & Fine Array" by Albert Lee Carr and "Come to Me, My Love" by Norman Dello Joio. They will close their performance with two songs symbolizing Americana, an arrangement of "Home on the Range," by Allen and "Sinnuh, Please Don' Let Dis Harves' Pass" arranged by Eugene T. Simpson featuring Chris Jardoin. The choir will travel to New York on Thursday, March 20 to begin final preparations, rehearsals and dress rehearsals with the professional orchestra and soloists who will accompany them. They will return on Monday, March 24.

Seminar to be held March 25
A three hour seminar, "Marketing Tactics for Small Businesses," will be held Wednesday, March 25 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the President's Room of the Friedman Student Union on the campus of Northwestern State University. The seminar is co-sponsored by Bank One, the Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce and the Small Business Development Center at NSU. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Four topics will be covered, "What is Marketing?," "Target Marketing," "Advertising on a Small Budget," and "Implementing a Sales Culture." The keynote speaker will be Lafe Jones, president and senior consultant for L.L. Jones & Associates Inc. in Alexandria. Jones' firm specializes in marketing, strategic planning and corporate communication. The firm works with clients across the United States. A nationally-recognized consultant and lecturer, Jones has spoken at state and national conferences on the subjects of corporate relations, strategic planning, business planning, research, health care marketing, physician recruitment, quality improvement, customer service, redefining your career, social accountability and time management. He will discuss "Advertising on a Small Budget" which will include the subtopics "What Should T Spend?," "Where Should I Spend it?," and "How Do I Know it Works?" Mary Lynn Wilkerson, director of Northwestern's SBDC, will begin the seminar with an overview of marketing, discussing "What Business am I in?" and "What is my Niche?" Dr. Barry Smiley, acting dean of the College of Business at NSU and Rick Johnson, vice president of marketing with Bank One of Shreveport, will discuss target marketing. Smiley will cover "Who are my Customers?," and "Where Are They?" Johnson will discuss "How Do I Get Them in The Door?" Teresa Pierce of Bank One of Natchitoches will cover Implementing a Sales Culture. Pierce will discuss "They're Here. Now What Do I Do?" The fee for the seminar is $10. For more information, call 357-5611, 352-6894 or fax 357-6810.

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"West Side Story" to hit the NSU stage this April; to include a cast of over 50

Sarah Crooks
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One month and counting.

Northwestern theater faculty and students have less than a month to get the production "West Side Story" ready for the stage. According to Ed Brazo, director and choreographer, this "musical version of Romeo and Juliet," includes a cast of over 50.

All cast members are NSU students and for many, this is their first time to either dance, sing, or act. The cast includes a few Demon Dazzlers, a few voice majors and some non-theater majors. The music for the show will be played by members of the Northwestern Jazz Ensemble.

"A lot of them haven't had a lot of experience," Brazo said. "Some of them have had experience in one area, but not necessarily in another, so they are combining what they know, a little with what they don't know. It is a very well-rounded cast."

Brazo has directed "West Side Story" before and said that this play is one of the hardest musical scores to sing, to dance to and to play.

The cast has been practicing for about four weeks and Brazo is confident that they will be ready, although at times, it has been difficult to work out a schedule that will accommodate the lives of 50 people.

"It is quite a commitment to give up to something like this and everyone who auditioned was very much prepared for this type of schedule so we're getting along real well," Brazo said.

"We just want the audience to be ready," Brazo said. "It is a very thematic musical, but it is certainly a musical that has some light and fun moments in it too," Brazo said. "Of course we are a little prone to the television and the movie screen in the 90s so the simplicity of seeing something live has got to be appreciated.

"I think it takes an awful lot of concentration (to watch a live production), but some people have been very very positive about coming to see something like this. They say 'I wish I had done this before. I'm going to keep doing this,'" Brazo said.

The play, "West Side Story" takes place in New York City and tells the love s[illegible] of two rival gang members, a "Jet [illegible]d a "Shark."

"The story has a theme about the severe amount of social pressure and struggles of the 1950s," Brazo said. "It is a love story involving a Shark member and a Jet member falling in love. And obviously, that was not easy to do in that particular decade, and let's face it, we still have people with strong viewpoints about that now."

West Side Story will be on stage in the Fine Arts Auditorium April 16 - 19. Stephanie Hodgden will be playing the lead role of "Maria" and Clayton Chauvin will be playing the lead role of "Tony."



The actors of West Side Story rehearse for the play which opens April 16.
photo by Steve Evans

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"Science Out of This World" which won two awards at the New York Festivals International.

Temple earned his bachelor's degree at Centenary College, his master's at Louisiana State University and his Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University.

Weaver has been director of the Division of Education since 1994. While serving as director, the Division of Education has received accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the graduate program in student personnel services was accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

Under her leadership, NSU has achieved a leading position in providing classes via the Internet. She earned a bachelor's degree in English and master's degrees in speech and education at Northwestern.

Weaver received a doctorate in educational administration from Louisiana State University in 1993. Weaver has published papers and made professional presentations on educational policy issues.

For 1989 until 1992, Weaver was Assistant to the State Superintendent in the Louisiana Department of Education. In that position, she developed and administered a comprehensive program of internal and external relations, and coordinated organizational activities among senior staff in the organization.

For three years, Weaver was a research assistant in the Educational Administration and Foundation Services Department of the College of Education at Louisiana State University.

Weaver was a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for one term. Her classroom experience included seven years as a secondary school teacher in public and parochial schools in Baton Rouge and Natchitoches, four years as an adjunct instructor in English and English Language and Orientation at NSU, and one year as a English teacher at the LSU Laboratory School.

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Our View

Drunken madness of Spring Break

Spring Break starts this Friday and many students will head toward beaches exploiting themselves in drunkenness and half-nakedness, enticing fellow students from campuses across the nation. Will this benefit the students and give them a new desire to exceed in college, relax them or change their plans for the future? No one really knows.

Who knows how, when, and where this spring break tradition actually started. Were the founder's expectations as great as students' are now? Today many students actually believe that they can go to some paradise beach laced with alcohol and college students from some planet, whose bodies all resemble Greek gods for under $165. What kind of valuable citizens are colleges producing? In all actuality when these pil-

"future leaders of America will spend a week sleeping in the back of their vehicles"

lars of the community actually get to Florida with exactly $165 they come to a rude awakening. These future leaders of America will spend a week sleeping in the back of their vehicles, taking baths in the tide, and actually come back believing they had the time of their life.

These students aren't the only ones who are in for a rude awakening, their parents often get the shock of their life also. With all of the live remotes MTV does from all of the hot spots, many parents often see little Jimmy and his fraternity brothers funneling some cheap grade of beer and come to the realization that little Jimmy is doing more at college than studying and hanging out at the BSU.

There are several dangers that students do not anticipate on their escapades to the sunny southern paradises. Surveys shows that 42 percent of students who go on spring break are robbed while on their hiatus from the life of academic studies. The reason for this probably stems from the majority of the students being in a drunken state the whole time they are there. Do students not realize their stupidness? Do they think that vomiting in front of millions of people on MTV's Singled Out is attractive? I sure hope not.

What about sex and sexually transmitted diseases? No matter how much students want to deny that STD's will affect them and that they are in "God's hands", they're not.

If one goes on Spring Break and decides to "hook up," one goes in, gets what they need, and comes out with more than they expected. . . it is a vicious cycle.

No, not all students are trash. No, not all students get drunk on spring break. However, whenever you are on Spring Break 1997, think to yourself, "Am I making a name for myself? Will I regret this in the future? Do I look stupider than I think I do?" Some people don't care about what other people think. They have no self-respect. If that is the case, just be careful and do have fun.

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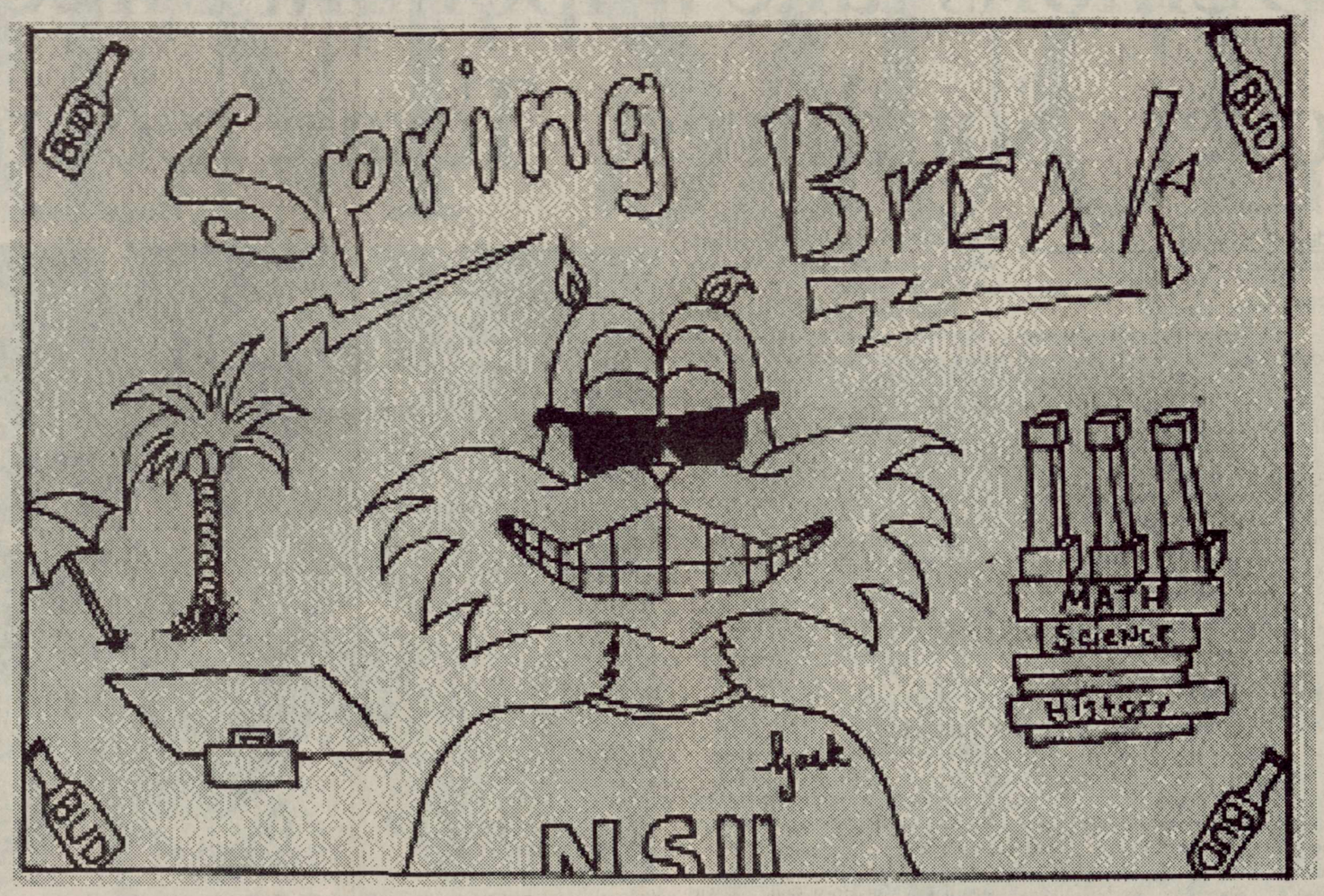
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Northwestern leaves for the big Spring Break party



The dreaded mid-term and the stress it brings

Guest Columnist

Paul Ayo

It's that time of year once again.

A time here at NSU when the stress level of students rise and anxiety kicks in.

The dreaded time that I am talking about is mid-term of course. That point in the semester when the esteemed faculty of this institution find it necessary to give as many tests and assign as many papers as they can come up with.

Why almost every professor on campus decides to give all this work at once will never be known, but be assured that it is coming. Your educators have already planned their scheme and are prepared to implement it.

Students all over Natchitoches will be feverishly working on papers to be turned in and cramming till the sun comes up to get that last little bit of knowledge engraved upon the brain before they take the horrid mid-term test.

Come on - relax. This is not the end of the world we are talking about.

This is just one of those times when life puts a little extra pressure on you to see how you cope. The rest of your life won't be determined on the outcome of your mid-term grade.

You will not spend the rest of your life as a slave just because you could not pass that killer chemistry test. You may very well end up with a great job and that BMW you've wanted since early childhood, even though you got a bad grade on the damn paper that took you two weeks to write.

You will still have plenty of time to work on your grades and get that knowledge which you pay so handsomely for and should work hard to receive.

There have been plenty of times when I had a D at mid-term and still managed to pull off an A or B when it was all said and done.

I am not saying that you should not care about all these assignments that are being thrust upon you, just that you should not stress out.

Take a little time out from your rigorous studies every once in a while and do something really relaxing. Try going somewhere quiet and get studies out of your mind.

Reading an article from your favorite magazine or take a nice hot bubble bath. Hell, splurge on some of that super-fattening-chocolate-chip-cookie-dough ice cream.

Remember you are here for a reason, but don't forget life should be enjoyed, not dreaded.

Just think of mid-term as a speed bump, it is in the way now but after you pass it the road is clear ahead of you.

I will leave you with some words that one of my friends always gives to me when I'm stressed out, "Rule 1: Don't sweat the little things. Rule 2: Everything is a little thing."

Columnist speaks of the power of unity "Where there is Unity-there is strength"

Guest Columnist

Shawntell Lewis

"Where there is unity there is strength." That was my grandmother's favorite saying.

Being young I never understood what she meant by that. One day she told me a story that I'll never forget.

She said, "Honey, I grew up in a small community and WE were very poor. We all had limited resources but we had love that binded us together in the time of need. When one had-we all had.

There were no big I's and little you's. We were all equal and on one accord. One day an elderly lady was stricken with TB and in those days TB was a death sentence. The doctor's sent her home to die and she had no family and a very mega income.

But the people in our community refused to sit by and do nothing. We got together, we gathered our resources, and with the little that we had, we nursed that elderly lady back to health.

All of this happened because there was unity in the community.

Today, I applaud Hillary Clinton when she said that, "It take a village to raise one child." And it does, it took that community to nurse that elderly lady back to health.

Unity! Unity! Though an invisible spirit-it is one with nature and it has amazing power!

One nation has more unity than a group of tribes. One race has more unity than a group of individuals. Where there is true unity, every effort to disunite only serves to strengthen!

The ultimate purpose of life is to accept the truth for life offers infinite possibilities. But still there is that unity.

America, God has created us with the power to create beyond uncertainty. We are one with God and we can never be separated from our divinity.

I believe that any hard times are awakening us to a new unity and a reaffirmation of purpose. Unity played a large part in the lives of our elders.

This unity sustained them. We must never become too sophisticated to believe. Our forefathers were strong men and women who were sensitive and sensible.

Despite any uncertainties they moved us forward. They took us higher. That unity gave them the faith to know that they would find their way even when they could not see the light. We are a people who created astronomy, mathematics, medicine. We created art, build empires. We have suffered dispersion and barbaric oppression. We have endured but yet we have survived! We have come too far not to go the distance!

We might lose our material possessions, lose our health, our friends, and sadly to say, our families. This is when we look to to future with hope and enthusiasm because we know good things are going to happen.

Challenges are a natural part of life. They drive our growth and make us inventive and coax us to explore into our future.

Challenges make us realize that we are not powerless spectators of life because all around us are the gifts to shape our lives into what we want them to become. So let us face life's inevitable challenges with courage and use them as an opportunity to soar beyond uncertainty.

Now is the time. Now is that acceptable time. If not now-then when? If not us-then who? We were born for this hour. We are matchless, magnificent, sanctified, and set aside. The deeper our relationship with God the more fortified we feel to withstand any uncertainties that may hinder us.

The great African poet, Langston Hughes, summed it up will when he wrote: "Stand like free men supporting your trust. Believe in the right-let none push you back! But march ever forward breaking down bars And always look ever upward at the sun and the stars."

When we allow ourselves this freedom of uniting as one, we can break a cycle of despair. We can rise above our sorrow and find a new emotional home from which we all can make a positive impact on this world. Let us answer the call and soar beyond an uncertain future; united; for if God be with us-who can be against us!

Did you know

St. Patrick was Scottish not Irish

Sports

Demons take important three- game sweep over Southwest Texas; record now 13-9

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

The Demon Baseball team sent Southwest Texas home Sunday with a three-game sweep in a Southland Conference baseball game at Brown-Stroud Field.

The Demons now 13-9 and leading the Louisiana Division of the SLC, held off the Texas Division leaders in the first game to win 3-1 which set up the double header sweep in a 3-0 victory.

"I felt our pitching was outstanding."
Coach Dave Van Horn

In the bottom of the third, catcher Ryan Appleton scored a run on a balk by the Bobcat's starting pitcher bring the Demons to a 1-0 lead.

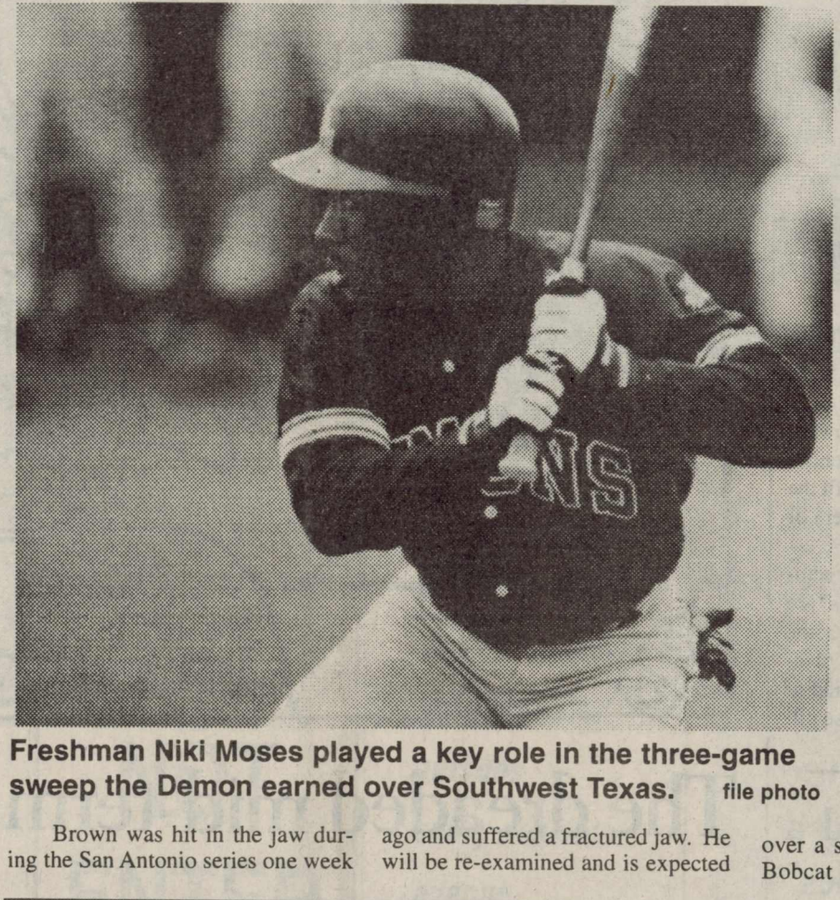
In the bottom of the third, a walk of Appleton by relief pitcher put runners on first and second with only one out. Third baseman Derek Nunn, who was 2-for-2 in game one but rested the majority of the second with a sore back, came in to pinch hit for Niki Moses.

Nunn again produced, cracking a short single to left to load the bases gave second baseman, Robert Hewes, an RBI single leading the Demons to a victory in game two.

The Bobcats had a final opportunity in the top of the ninth but Tommy Sullivan, in relief of starter Allen Davis, closed them out in order to earn the save.

Not only was Demon head coach Dave Van Horn overwhelmed about his team's performance, but he was ecstatic with the pitching in particular.

"I felt our pitching was outstanding," Van Horn said. "I was worried about not having our usual second game starter Chris Brown in such a big series but Davis stepped in a did a great job going almost seven innings."



Freshman Niki Moses played a key role in the three-game sweep the Demon earned over Southwest Texas. file photo

Brown was hit in the jaw during the San Antonio series one week ago and suffered a fractured jaw. He will be re-examined and is expected to be cleared to resume play.

"Offensively we got a lot of two out hits and played well overall," Van Horn added. "We are slowly learning how to win. It's been extremely exciting."

Sunday the Demons came back ready for more when senior Freddy Ortega had five RBI's to lead Northwestern to a 9-6 victory.

Trailing 6-4 heading into the bottom of the eighth inning, the Demons exploded for five runs to take a 9-6 advantage which they would not abandon.

Shortstop Tony Pezely led off the inning with a single to right center field and pinch hitter Clint Walker was hit by a pitch to put runners on first and second with no outs.

After squalling over a series of controversial calls, Bobcat head coach Howard Bushong was ejected in the third inning which led the coaching staff to decide on a pitching change without his benefit of instruction.

Northwestern took the lead 7-6 with an RBI by Nunn and increased the lead to three as Ortega blasted a two RBI single to give the Demons the advantage.

Sullivan, who came on in relief of started David Balcer shut the Bobcats out in the top of the ninth to seal the sweep.

"I was really pleased with our pitching and the way we hit the ball," Van Horn said. "I'm really excited to see our older guys start producing for us. The team really showed me that they are learning how to win especially with the way they came back."

The Demons will host Centenary tonight at Brown-Stroud Field at 6 p.m. and will play USL's Ragin' Cajuns Thursday night in Alexandria at the Aces' Bringhurst Park at 7 p.m.

Although Spring Break is time off for most students, the Demons will continue to practice and play for the week. They will travel to Sam Houston Saturday and Sunday.

Duncan and Bundy awarded for outstanding performance during 96-97 season

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

Charles Duncan was selected to the second team All-Southland Conference basketball team last Wednesday. The 6-3 junior from Trenton, Tenn. averaged 15 points and 5.4 rebounds a game from his shooting guard position. Duncan was third in the conference in three point field goal percentage (42 percent) and he was in the top five in the conference in three point field goals made. Duncan also became only the 25th player in 82 seasons of Demon basketball to score over 400 points in a season. In addition to Duncan's basketball exploits on the court he is amazingly a 3.0 student in accounting and also is married and has two young daughters 3-year old Che' and 11 month old Cheye.



Bundy



Duncan

Ryan Bundy was tabbed as a honorable mention selection to the All-Southland team. Bundy, a 6-0 junior from Peoria, Ill. averaged 7.8 points a game and 2.4 rebounds a game. His 5.7 assists a game led the Southland Conference. Bundy has 384 career assists and is only 132 assists away from becoming Northwestern's career leader in assists over former Demon great Roman Banks, who had 515 career assists. Bundy was also in the top five in steals in the Southland Conference with 2.0 steals a game Congratulations should go out to both of these players who both had excellent seasons. We are hoping that they will give us more of the same types of performances in their senior seasons at Northwestern ir what we hope will be the break through year for Demon Basketball.

Clark voted "Freshman of the Year" by SLC

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

Lady Demon Basketball player Judy Clark was voted by the media as the Southland Conference Freshman of the Year. Clark, who is a freshman from Singer, La., led the Lady Demons in scoring this year with 13.6 points a game. She also led the Lady Demons in assists averaging 4.9 a game which ranked fourth in the Southland Conference.



Clark

Clark is the second Lady Demon Basketball player to receive this award following in the footsteps of former Lady Demon great Joskeen Garner who earned the award in 1993. Coach James Smith was happy about his player this year receiving this award. "She was one of the reasons that we started playing better at the end of the season" Smith said.

Clark was happy about the award and said that "she worked hard to improve as the season went on and she was glad that her hard work paid off." It seemed as the season wore on that Lady Demon basketball team seemed to get better as the season progressed just like Clark did.

They started clicking however to late in the season though, and it was to late for the Lady Demons to make it into the Southland Conference Basketball Tournament. This young team will bounce back though.

Clark who also won All-Conference Honorable Mention honors is confident as are her teammates that the Lady Demons will be back in the hunt for the Southland Conference title next season.

The Lady Demons should be back with a vengeance as they only lose one starter from this years team and with the year of experience that this young team now has under has under their belt the sky is the limit for next season.

Congratulations to Judy Clark and we hope to see many more great things from her as she continues her Lady Demon Basketball career.

IM softball expects a record number of 45 teams to participate this spring

Catherine Gill
Staff reporter

On Monday a record number of 45 teams began the IM softball season.

The 45 teams are composed of leagues such as the Greek Men, two co-recreational leagues, a women's league, and two open men leagues. Games began Monday and playoffs will occur Monday, April 14. Winners of the playoffs in the men, women, and co-recreational leagues will be eligible to attend the state playoffs.

Tournament playing rules and interpretations for the softball games are regulated by those created by the Amateur Softball Association and the ASA, or American Softball Association. According to the 1996-97 NSU Recreational Sports Calendar of Events and Participant's Handbook, changes deemed necessary by the LCIRSA is that game time is forfeit time.

This means that teams are required to be at the playing site, which is the ROTC field, at least fifteen minutes prior to the game. A game consists of seven innings with a 65 minute time limit and ten 10-run rule will be in effect after five innings.

Tournament softballs will be provided for all games, however, team members must provide their own gloves, bats, and warm-up balls. Co-recreational teams must have alternating male/female in the infield as well as outfield.

Pitcher and catcher must also be a male/female combination. Batting order must alternate sexes as well.

Other rules that apply to IM softball given the conditions of the ROTC field are that if a ball goes out of play or bounds then the player advances one base.

The umpire's judgement determines whether a ball is out of play or not. Also, if a ball is hit into the trees, it is played out of the tree.

This means that although the ball has interfered with an object, it does not matter. However, it is the opposite concerning the playground equipment located at the back of the field near Warren Easton Lab School.

If the ball gets stuck in the equipment, the most the hitter can advance is to second base. If the ball does not affect the playground equipment and is hit past it, the ball is played as any other would be.

For the women's league, pitching is done by a member of the hitter's team.

How do team members feel about participating in intramural softball and having to deal with these rules? "I feel they are completely adequate given the conditions of the fields," Micah Coleman of DILLIGAF, an open men's team, said.

Other players, however, feel differently. Paige Campbell of the Phi Mu team states, "They need to have temporary fences.

It would be dangerous not to have them and it would also help out a lot with the calling (of the umpires). The school should supply adequate playing space." Campbell also adds, "Pitching to your own team is not softball.

You should have a pitcher that can pitch a ball. If you don't, you shouldn't have a team."

Others like the competition and social aspects of intramural softball. Ian East of Sigma Nu Fraternity states, "I think it's good because the fraternities and sororities get a chance to play together and have a good time instead of always being so negative towards each other."

In addition to the IM softball tournament, the Homerun Derby was held March 11 at the Lady Demon softball field.

Winners were Joey Guillory, 1st place, Scotty Darbonne, 2nd place, and Brandon Cashen taking third place. Winners received cash prizes and tee-shirts.

For more information on intramural activities contact Mr. Scott Bruscato, assistant director of Recreational Sports at 357-5497.

Put on your dancing shoes...because the dance has begun

Just a Fan

Don Harper

Everyone should have a partner by now as the "Big Dance" is well under way. We are down to 16 teams and as each round is played the variety of dances is limited. Some teams have Waltzed their way to the field of 16 (Kentucky & Kansas), some have Two-Stepped (Louisville & Texas), some have Tangoed (North Carolina & UCLA), but in the spot light doing the Chatanooga Choo Choo is, you guessed it, UT Chatanooga. No matter how they got there, only 16 teams remain with a hope of wearing the crown. It's time to put on your dancing shoes, get down, and Boogie.

I would like to thank everyone for entering their brackets in the Dominos/ Current Sauce Tournament Challenge. I have scored each one and have eight finalists of the 739 that entered. The finalists are: Matt Baum 10 teams remaining of 16, Judd Finn 9 of 16, Steven Courvillion 9 of 16, Chuck Weaver 9 of 16, Rick Scott 8 of 16, Tommy Hazelwood 8 of 16, Dylan Payne 7 of 16, Colby Cook 6 of 16 (who needs to finish his bracket by 10:00 Wednesday). The Sauce Sports staff picks look like this: My bracket is on this page for all to see, Brian Satawa 9 of 16, Elizabeth Crump 9 of 16.

Now that we have the tournament out of the way let's look at some other things happening in the world of sports.

O.K. that was long enough, let's get back to business and look inside this week's tournament happenings. As I told you last week Dean Smith surpassed Adolph Rupp with the most wins of any college coach. And he did it with class.

Dean Smith won his 877th game and became the winningest college coach in history as the Tarheels beat the Colorado Buffaloes 73-56. This put "The Dean" over Adoph Rupp the legendary coach of the Kentucky Wildcats.

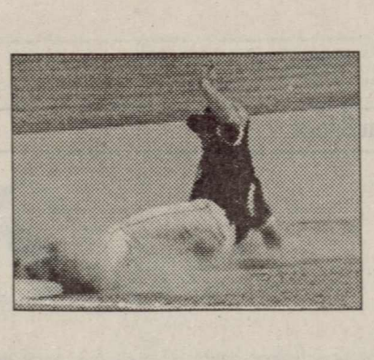
The win was great. The game was great. Dean was first class. After the final horn sounded Smith moved to the Colorado bench to congratulate the Colorado coaching staff on a good game with a sincerity that only "The Dean" could display. He then moved onto the floor to find the sophomore guard for Colorado, Chauncy Billups. Taking him by the shoulder Dean said "I glad I caught you on a bad day." Billups looking back to Dean said "you're great coach, just keep on coaching." Smith saw a young man who needed a kind word. And so the coach of all coaches gave it to him.

Possibly the most humble man in college sports Dean Smith has for the past 36 year run a clean program. With that clean program he has won 20 games or more in the past 27 seasons, gone to 10 final fours, and won two national championships. My hat goes off to "The Dean" of college basketball. Good Luck Dean, I've got you going all the way.

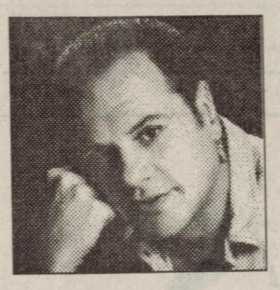
Like I said before, you better get your dancing shoes on because the band is warming up for the greatest two weeks in basketball. Tune in next week for updated results of Dominos/ Current Sauce Tournament Challenge and a look deep into the exciting sport of curling. See you then.

My Motto: If you are satisfied with who you today, you will go no farther. But if you have the desire to know more, be more, and experience more then you will.

Check out the Sports page online at nsula.edu /~currentsauce



Get the latest scores and highlights on NSU baseball, see page 8 for details



Sauce reporter scores interview with KC of Sunshine Band fame, see what was uncovered on page 4

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Smoking law affects students, police , cashiers

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

In the 39 days since President Bill Clinton issued the New Federal Tobacco Rule, local stores, police and students seem to have adjusted well.

The law took effect Feb. 28, with the support of the Food and Drug Administration, and prohibits retailers from selling cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, or smokeless tobacco to anyone under the age of 18. Retailers must also ask to see a customer's photo ID before selling any of these products to anyone under the age of 27.

The law will also ban vending machines and self-service displays except in adult facilities, such as nightclubs.

Although Wayne Davis, Wal-Mart Super Center co-director has only been in this area for two weeks, he has had no trouble with the new rule.

"As far as I can tell, it's going pretty good," Davis said.

One problem that seems to occur with this new rule is how cashiers gauge who is over 21 and who isn't. As one discount store manager put it, this law is like the 21 drinking age law - you can't take a chance. You have to check everyone's ID.

"There is no guessing," Davis said.

But according to some NSU students, local businesses aren't as strict with the rule as they want you to believe.

"I only had my ID checked twice when the law first went into effect," freshman criminal justice major Benjamin Abraham said.

Freshman theater major Darlene Bamburg partly agrees.

"Sometimes they check it and sometimes they don't," Bamburg said. "I think it depends on how old they think you look."

"I usually carry my ID with me, so it isn't much of an inconvenience," Kevin Bourque, junior English major said. "But usually if they recognize me and have checked my idea before, they usually don't ask for it."

By issuing this law, Clinton hopes to cut the use of tobacco by children and adolescents in half over the next 7 years. This comes from an FDA rule that reasoned, if it is harder for young people to buy cigarettes and smokeless tobacco, it will reduce the appeal of tobacco products to children under 18. But some are skeptical that this law will accomplish that.

"I don't think it will have an effect," Abraham said. "Look at how ineffective all the drinking laws have been."

"I think it's great that they're checking this stuff, but I really feel like the law officials should be enforcing the alcohol and the drugs more than they should this, because you can lose your life more quickly," Shelia Friday, Texaco cashier said.

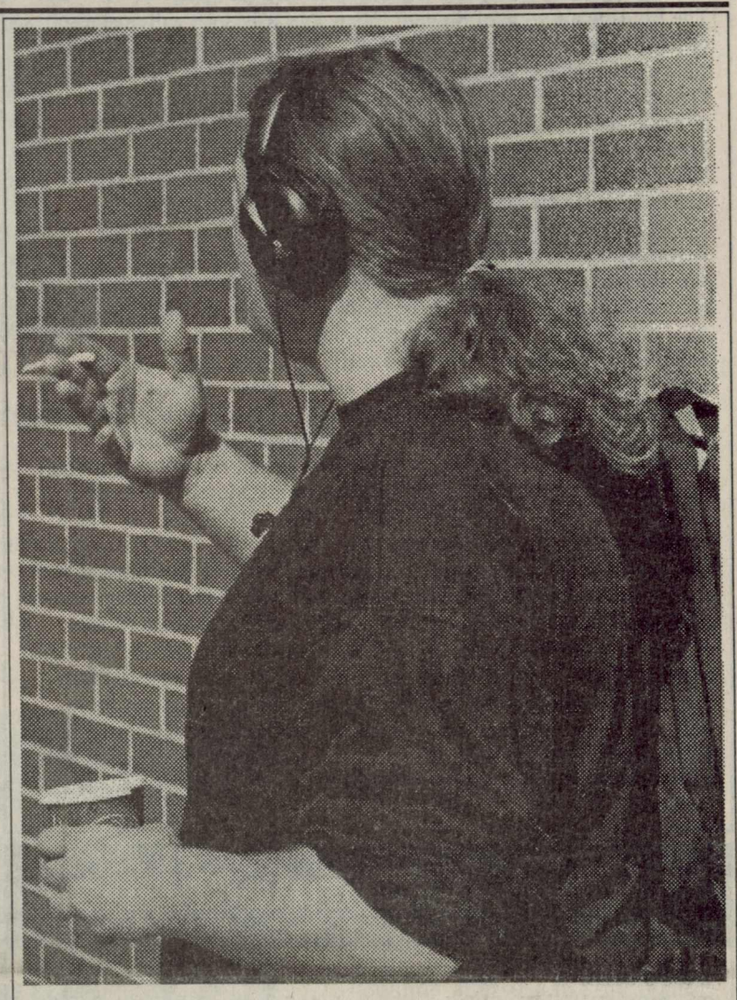
According to Lt. Chris Stanfield of the Natchitoches Police, the tobacco law will be monitored in this area, much like the 21-drinking law is, with periodical sting operations. No sting operations have been done during the past, since the law went into effect.

If retailers are found selling to minors, they risk civil penalties of $250 or more. Retailers reported to have sold cigarettes or smokeless tobacco to someone under 27 without checking their photo ID risk compliance checks being conducted in the future.

This rule does not cover cigars, little cigars or pipe tobacco.



NSU students Annette Isgitt, Keith Kelly and Jessica Vanasselvery take a cigarette break outside Kyser Hall. photo by Steve Evans



During the last month, some NSU students have found that they have to provide ID when they buy cigarettes. The new law affects smokers under the age of 27. photo by Steve Evans

Estimates show water shortages possible by year 2000

Nakia Bodley
Staff reporter

Predictions show that by the year 2000 Natchitoches could possibly experience a water shortage affecting approximately 20 thousand people in the city and surrounding areas.

Experts contend that this prediction is no cause for alarm and if such a problem does arise there is ample time to correct the problem.

"It's just a theory," Paul Trimble, an engineer for EGSI said. "There are so many variables that this lake [Sibley] and any lake depend on that comes into play."

Others agree with Trimble and feel there are several contributing factors that would have an influence on a possible water shortage.

"It's a debatable thing that depends on the growth of the city and a number of things that we don't have complete control over," Buddy Giering, Superintendent of Water and Sewage Treatment for Natchitoches City commented.

The prediction of a water shortage is based on things such as increased demand for water, population growth and weather patterns and conditions. For now, however, Natchitoches' water supply is ample enough to meet the demands of the population.

"The consideration that we could run out of water in the year 2000 is based on some judgment calls and also takes the last 18 months of weather records into consideration," Trimble said. "Presently the city of Natchitoches uses just under four million gallons a day. With that usage we will be able to make it though the dry periods we experience and maintain a decent volume of water."

Giering explained that the water levels in Sibley Lake tend to fluctuate, however, right now there is an abundant amount of water available.

"Last year was the first time since I've been keeping up with it that at no time during the year that the lake [Sibley] was full," Giering said. "In the summertime it generally drops unless we have a very, very, wet summer, which we didn't have last year. Since the spring we've had an above average amount of rain and the lake filled up and is over flowing right now."

Robert F. Kennedy speaks at NSU, points out impacts of environmental injury, encourages students to get involved

Catherine Gill
Staff reporter

Robert F. Kennedy, attorney, author and environmental defender, lectured at the 10th Annual NSU Research Day, Thursday.

Kennedy serves as the Chief Prosecuting Attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper, a coalition of commercial fisherman, and Senior Attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council. He is known for his successful legal actions defending the environment: prosecuting governments and companies for polluting the Hudson River and Long Island Sound; winning settlements for the Hudson Riverkeeper ; arguing cases to expand citizen access to the shoreline; and suing sewage treatment plants to force compliance with the Clean Water Act.

The economic, cultural, medical and agricultural and impacts on Americans through environmental injury was one topic Kennedy addressed.

Kennedy noted that with the Regulatory Reform Bill, large corporations were given veto power, causing the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act to be rewritten. This change allowed polluters to ignore clean up.

"They (corporations) get waivers in environmental laws and then force us (the people) to clean it up,"Kennedy commented.

Kennedy pointed out that when Washington D.C. was asked, "Why are you doing this?" the response given, was that the time had come to choose between the economic or the environmental advantages.

"Capitol Hill treats the planet as a business of liquidation,"Kennedy said.

Kennedy pointed out that while corporations such as General Electric, who dumped pollutants from their factory into the Hudson River, give an illusion of a prosperous country they are only pushing future problems onto the nation's children.

Kennedy later goes on to add that years later, General Electric left the area, leaving a detrimental environmental injury and also upset unemployed residents in the Hudson River area.

Due to the swift reaction of the Hudson River area residents to the injury, the River has recovered and is currently a "Noah's Ark," or a "species warehouse." Kennedy stated that the only reason this is so is because the community said, "we're not going to let them (GE) take it away."

This is just one example given for the economical impact on Americans because of environmental injury.

Kennedy also encouraged students to stop these type of business tactics, by participating in enacting federal laws to stop corporations from dumping their pollutants into citizens' backyards.

Because of these pollutants, Kennedy noted, women were experiencing high levels of PCP's in their breast milk, children in Bangkok were at a loss of seven IQ points by the age of six due to a high iron content in the air, and more than 300 species were dead due to Russia's lack of a Clean Water Act.

"When somebody pollutes, they are stealing something from us," Kennedy said.

Agricultural impacts due to environmental injury were another issue covered by Kennedy. He stated that because of injuries to the environment, the Chesapeake was now dying and the Delaware River currently has a dead zone and oxygen block because of sewage drop off.

Due to the injuries, aquatic wildlife has become both endangered and extinct. Species such as the blue crab and starfish that he observed as a child are now gone.

"My kids will not be able to see that," Kennedy regretfully said.

Kennedy pointed out that the cultural impact that the environment has had on Americans is one that cannot go unseen.

"It's not an accident that we memorialize the state park," Kennedy said. "The United States chose God's handiwork. The uniqueness of this country comes from the wilderness."

Kennedy pointed out that since the beginning of United States history, nature has been a key element in the developing of the government. Jonathan Winthrop preached on

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Robert Kennedy Jr. speaks at a press conference following his lecture Thursday as part of Research Day. photo by Heath Crawford

SAB Spring Fling this week

Stacy Michaels
Philip Wise
Current Sauce

Northwestern State University's spring fling, a two week event, entitled "It's a Sunshine Thing," began Monday with "Fun Flicks and Fantasy Photo."

Spring Fling is funded each year by the students through student fees. The SAB special events committee planned the festivities which includes a concert.

Tonight at 8 p.m in the Alley, Mark Britten, a comedian, will be featured. "A Very Brady Sequel," the movie of the week, is being featured on April 9 at noon. On Friday, a balloon artist can be found at Vic's at 9 a.m. and in Iberville at 11a.m.

The highlight of Spring Fling will take place on Friday. K.C. & The Sunshine Band will kick off the concert at 8 p.m. To see the band students must pick up their tickets in the SAB office, room 214 of the Student Union. An ID is required and only one ticket per student will be given.

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Students required to take either the math or science reasoning part of the CAAP test will be notified by their instructors in class. These students must also take the reading part of the test. The writing part of the CAAP will be given in sophomore level English classes. These students also have to take the reading part of the CAAP. To sign up for the math, science reasoning or reading tests, go by room 306 of the Student Union or call 357-5246. These tests will be given several times during April.

START Saving Program public meeting
The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance will host a series of public meetings across Louisiana to inform the public about the state's new college savings program called the "START Saving Program." The public will be given the opportunity to ask questions to make comments on the program rules. There are meetings in Shreveport, Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the LSUS University Center Theater and in Alexandria Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the LSUA Brumfield—Caffee Annex.

Antique sale
The Fourth Annual Main Street Market antique Show and Sale will be held in Prather Coliseum this weekend. The show will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday. Items included in the sale are antique jewelry, furniture, lamps, clocks, trunks, fans, silver, crystal, art glass and cut glass. Refreshments will be available and proceeds from the events will benefit the preservation efforts of the Main Street Project and Northwestern's Athletic Association. Admission is $2 for the two-day show. For more information call Myrna Dunn at 357-3837 or Derek Morel at 357-4295.

Cheerleader and Vic tryouts
Tryouts for NSU's cheerleading squad and "Vic" the Demon will be held April 11-13. Cheerleading workshops will be held Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Health and Human Performance Building. Auditions will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday and are open to the public. A $500 scholarship is awarded on a per-semester basis for both cheerleaders and the mascot. To be eligible, candidates must plan to enroll at NSU and participate for both fall and spring semesters. Each candidate must maintain a 2.) semester and cumulative GPA. For more information contact Jana Lucky at 357-4503.

Campus Connections

Blood drive
The NSU Spring Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Student Union Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tallies will be taken to see which organization brings in the most donors. This group will receive a plaque. All area colleges will be conducting their last drives of the school year to see who will win the LifeShare Blood Center College Cup. This will be a trophy awarded to whatever college collects the highest percentage of donors per ratio.

March of Dimes Walk America
The March of Dimes is looking for teams to participate in the April 26th Walk America. Teams of two or more are needed to raise money for March of Dimes by getting sponsors for every mile they walk, put together garage sales, or collect donations for the cause. Team captains should contact Melissa Pevato at 352-2946 or Latisma Lee at 357-1151.

Sigma Sigma Sigma
Get ready Sigmas. Service is putting on Paint a Park at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. There is softball at 3:15 p.m. Thursday there will be a Founder's Day meeting at 6:30 p.m. It is time for Rush Workshop this weekend, including the Alumnae BBQ, so be on time. There is also a crew captain meeting at 3 p.m. Friday. Housecleaning will continue from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, and fundraiser is at 8 p.m. Tri Sigma Week starts April 14 and we will be doing sidewalk chalk at 6 p.m.

Phi Mu
Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is from 7 to 10 a.m April 15. Dress up Wednesday and wear your letters on Friday. The Spring Rush Workshop will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at TBA. Songfest is 8 p.m. April 15 in the Recital Hall.

Early registration
Early registration for the summer and fall 1997 semesters will be April 7 through April 18. Students are asked to report to their advisers during this period to have their requested classes entered. If for some reason you do not attend in the summer or fall, you must advise in writing that you will not be attending.

SGA candidates get chance to address issues in debate; students, faculty get chance to ask questions

Emily Leonard
Staff reporter

Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates will have the chance to speak their voice in debates April 14 at 8:30 p.m. in Studio A of Kyser. The debates are a new introduction to the process of the Student Government Association elections.

"The debates will cover all aspects of each candidates platform statements," said Jeremy Ekberg, chairman of the election committee.

NSU students, faculty and staff are asked to attend and will be given a chance to ask the candidates their questions and concerns for Northwestern. The candidates will also be asked questions by a panel on specific problems that face NSU. The debate will also be shown live on NSU 22 for students who are not able to attend.

The candidates running for SGA President are Andrew Kolb and Alicia Thomas. Their running mates for Vice President are Emily Tracy (Kolb) and Luke Dowden (Thomas). Each candidate feels there will be a good response at the polls from the debates, allowing the students a better chance to decide which candidate is right for them.

"I think it will be good for the school, because I think it will increase voter turnout," Kolb said. "If there is a high voter turn out then everyone wins. It will be good for the student body to spark interest in the race."

Thomas feels that this is the best way to feel what the student wants out of their SGA President.

"I feel that the debate is an excellent way for the NSU student to determine which candidate they want to represent their voice," Thomas said.

Candidates will hit on their platforms throughout the debates to get students interested in the campaigns.

"I want the student to know that I hear and know their concerns and if elected I will put 110 percent of my effort finding solutions for their concerns," Thomas said.

Kolb and Tracy are going to be discussing their concerns for the school and students.

"We want to get the SGA mostly focused on the students," Kolb said. "We want to make it easier to get involved in SGA and we hope to provide more services for students."

Elections will be held April 16 and 17 with a voting area set up in the Student Union and Iberville.

Kennedy, con't from front page 1

God's gift to us and what to do with it. Thomas Jefferson saw nature as a national security and sent Lewis and Clark to take inventory of the wildlife. In 1789, the Democratic party began during a botanical expedition. Lastly, Teddy Roosevelt, "the quintessential naturalist," not only was a president but also explored the Amazon andwrote several books.

"Democracy came out of the forest," Kennedy said.

Other topics included in Kennedy's lecture were the aesthetic and spiritual benefits that have evolved through mankind's interaction with the environment. Kennedy pointed out that nature has been the defining article of literature and that because of such literary greets as James Fenmore Cooper, Henry David Thoreau, and Ralph Waldo Emerson Europe has started to follow America's example.

Kennedy also focused on art as a defining article of nature. He stated that America saw nature as a way to capture the American soul. Due to this, the route of environmentalism has taken off in Europe. Kennedy states that the reason for this is because Europeans see America in the works of art and like the results of practicing environmental awareness: aesthetic, cultural, and spiritual feelings.

Kennedy also brought religion into his speech. He pointed out that through Christ's parables, the people were able to link Jesus' teachings with their lives. The link was made because all of Christ's parables were taken from nature, where the people spent all of their days working.

"Our lives will be better if we can connect ourselves with history, our lives are more significant than just us," Kennedy said. " It is the way God communicates through us most clearly. . .destroying our environment is worse than tearing out the last pages of the Bible, Koran, etc. We are the trustees, we have to preserve its (the earth's) value for our children."

Following the speech, the floor was opened for questions and answers. Many had the opportunity to ask questions that they felt important. Some questions that were asked were if Kennedy owned a bass boat and whether he felt Al Gore was a hypocrite for suggesting that Americans not drive gas powered cars while he drove one.

"We've got to change the rules not the individual lives. . .We have an obligation not only to ourselves but our children," Kennedy concluded.

What did students and faculty think about the guest lecturer?

"He made me more environmentally aware than I was prior to hearing him speak," Kevin Brough, a business administration major and sophomore, said.

"I thought that his most persuasive argument for his work as an environmentalist lay in the spiritual connection he made between man and nature," Dr. Christine Ford, professor of English, said.

SAB, con't from front page 1

The week of April 15 will start will start at 10 a.m. with Cybervision in the Student Union Ballroom. The movie of the week, "Space Jam," will be shown Monday at 7 p.m. in the Alley, and Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Alley. Songfest will also be held at 8 p.m.Monday night in Magale Recital Hall.

Tuesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom Barry Williams, former Greg Brady (from the Brady Bunch series) will speak. Spring Fling ends Wednesday at 8 p.m. with comedian Pete George in the Alley.

Need a Scholarship

The 1998 Potpourri, Northwestern State's yearbook, is now taking applications for all Staff Positions. If you are interested please stop by Kyser Hall room 225 and pick up an application.
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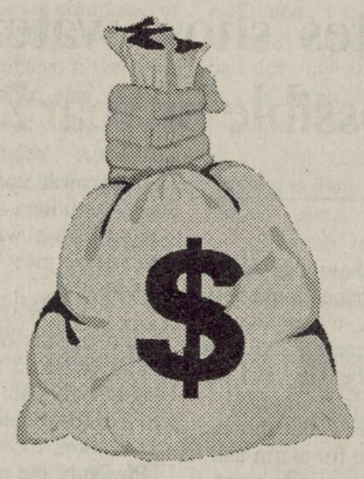
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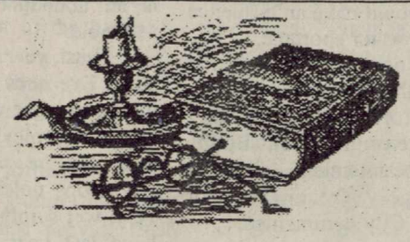
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4:30 pm, April 24.

Potential applicants should check the 1997 Student Handbook for qualifications required for each position before submitting an application.

Questions can be answered by calling Steve Horton, advisor of Current Sauce and Potpourri, at 5339.

Features

Melrose Historic Plantation offers tourist attraction for community

Tatum Lyles
News Editor

Just 20 miles south of Natchitoches, Melrose Historic Home attracts people from around the world because of its interesting history and famous visitors from the past.

According to Todd Cooper, Melrose Plantation curator, many tourists come to visit the plantation. ""On a weekly basis, we have several French companies who send tourists from France," Cooper said.

"The original people who built it were the Metoyer family, a family of freed slaves," Cooper said. "They settled here in 1796."

The family lost ownership of the plantation in the 1840's. Throughout the next century or so, the property went through several owners and collected more history.

In 1970, Melrose plantation became the property of the Association for Preservation of Historic Natchitoches.

There are many structures that compo

According to the Historic Natchitoches Tourist Information publication distributed by the Natchitoches Times, the plantation is a national historic landmark.complex that includes the Big House, the African and Yucca houses, weaving cabin and original home of primitive folk artist Clementine Hunter.

Hunter painted while serving as a cook for the residents of the plantation.

The African House" is supposedly one of the only structures left in Louisiana that has the typical French Creole architecture with a subtle African influence in the architecture that is evident today with the overhang without the post and the way the structure resembles the straw thatched roof huts like in the Congo or in the older western parts of Africa," Cooper said.

According to Cooper, the main house was supplied with electricity and plumbing during its years under the ownership of the Henry family and is currently air conditioned.

The main house was originally just two rooms with doors and windows. "Today it has over 15 rooms, so it has evolved quite a bit throughout the years," Cooper said.

Even though much has been added to the house, most of the original glass in the windows is still in place.

In the 1930's the slave cabins were moved from other places to the Melrose Plantation. They were used for various reasons such as storage and as an area to make crafts.

"In the early days, Marie Therese Coincoin and her children Metoyers grew predominately tobacco here," Cooper said. "Later [before the Civil War] cotton became the major crop... today the plantation has over 4,000 acres of pecan orchards and then there are acres and acres of cotton also grown here."

The history of the plantation includes visits by popular writers and artists. Many well-known writers stayed at the plantation while it was under the control of Cammie Henry. Two of these authors include William Faulkner and John Steinbeck.

One Northwestern student chose to visit the plantation to complete a story for the Cane River Chronicles for NSU channel 22.

" I thought some of the Clemintine Hunter works were very interesting," said Buddy Wollfarth, NSU 22 Chronicles reporter and KNWD General Manager. "It was odd how she could paint such vivid artwork onto such everyday surfaces such as shingles, cardboard and broken pieces of plywood."



The cabins were used for various things such as weaving.

photo courtesy of the Natchitoches Times

According to Cooper, the name of the original plantation house is the Yucca. It is was constructed around the same time at which the land grant for the property was issued, the year 1796.

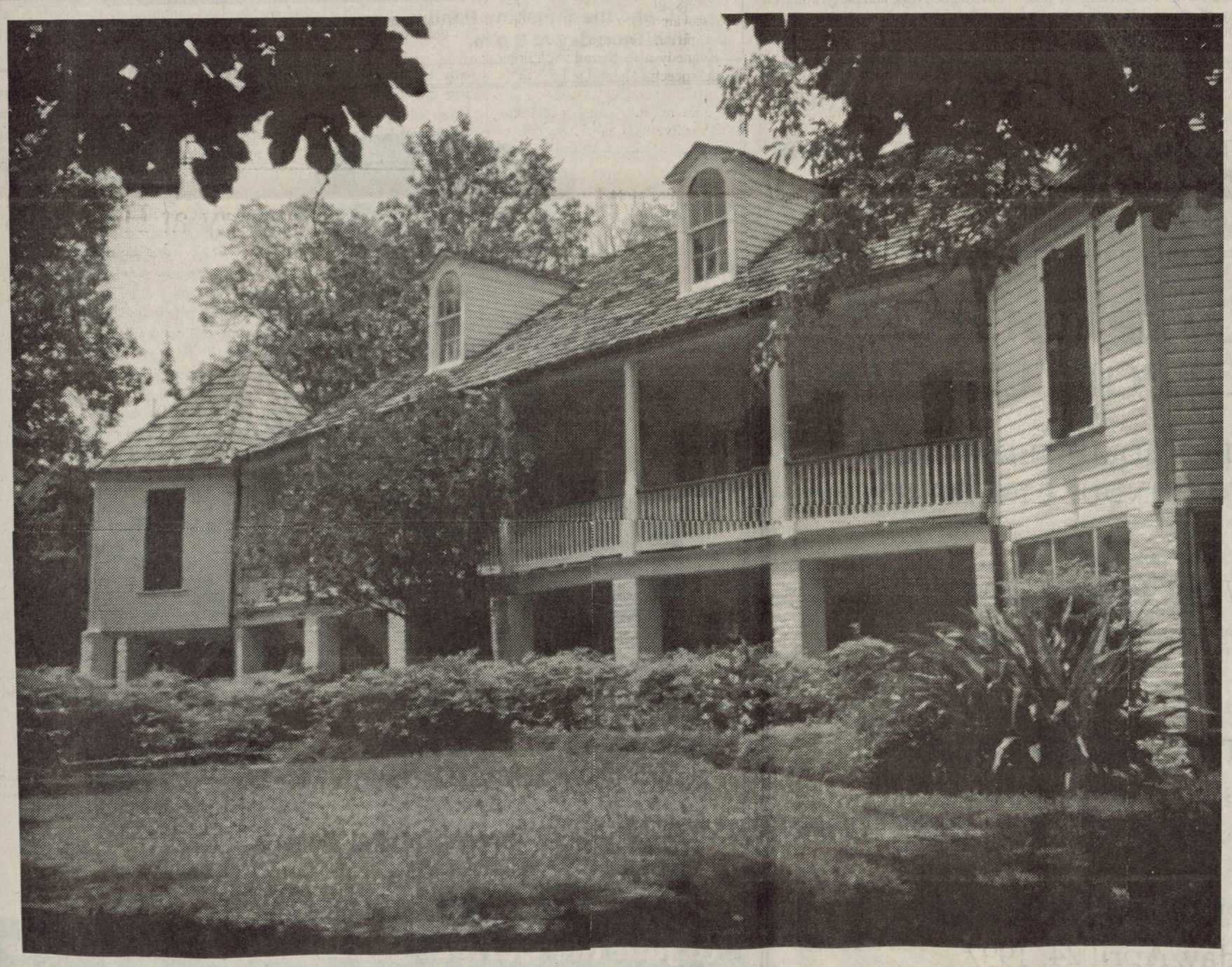
Melrose is one of Natchitoches' most valued tourist attractions. The number of visitors to the plantation exceeded 15,000 last year.

It is also featured on the "Auto Tour of Cane River" page of the Historic Natchitoches Tourist Information guide for April.

The prices for visiting the Melrose Historic Plantation are $5 for adults, $2.50 for students age 13 to 18, $2 for children 6 to 12 and children under six can see the plantation for free.

"We are open seven days a week from noon to 4 p.m. Group tours by appointment can begin anytime after 9 a.m.," Cooper said.

For more information on visiting Melrose, contact either Leslie Cooper or Todd Cooper at 379-0055. Also, tune in to Cane River Chronicles for video footage of the plantation and the surrounding area.



Melrose Plantation is one of the most visited sites in the Natchitoches area.

photo courtesy of the Natchitoches Times

Find KC's picture hidden in this issue of the Current Sauce and you could win two free tickets to the KC and the Sunshine Band concert!

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A&E

Seventies rock legend to perform at Prather Coliseum Thursday at 8 p.m.

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

KC recently took time away from his week-long vacation in North Carolina not only to extend his personal invitation for all of us to come out and party with him, but also to fill me in as to what's been going on.

KC's currently in the process of recording his new album, "Yummy," which he said is "pretty funky," and scheduled for release later this year.

In the meantime, KC's keeping himself busy touring and writing his life story for a book to be released some time in the not-so-near future.

Recently, the Metal band White Zombie did a cover of one of KC's many hits, "I'm Your Boogie Man," and received a thumbs-up from KC who thinks Zombie's version is "pretty cool."

KC himself has said that he listens to many different styles of music and enjoys covering other people's tunes. He may even do a cover of Johnny Nash's "I Can See Clearly Now" for us this Thursday.

KC's songs have won Grammy's, an American Music Award and he even managed to take a song straight to the top of the R&B charts. About the importance of winning awards, KC feels that "it's just great to know when you win, that they've acknowledged the fact that they liked what you're doing."

As if his music career weren't enough to keep him busy, KC also finds time to give his time and talent to those in need.

KC has been involved with several AIDS benefit shows and plans to continue doing so.

"If you lived in the seventies, you'd have to say, 'Yeah, I miss the seventies, those were great times.' "

-KC

"I just see the need for it to happen," he said. "I just thought that that's what I should be doing. I have known a lot of people, being in the industry, that have died from it, and some relatives. So I just thought it was something important to be a part of."

KC seems to be a true renaissance man, having his hands somehow involved in everything from music and writing to television and movies.

KC's even considering the possibility of acting. He can best picture himself playing the part of a gangster or "a lawyer, judge or investigator—kind of a thriller."

Comparing the music industry that exists these days to the one that helped to make him famous, KC said he really doesn't miss any of it.

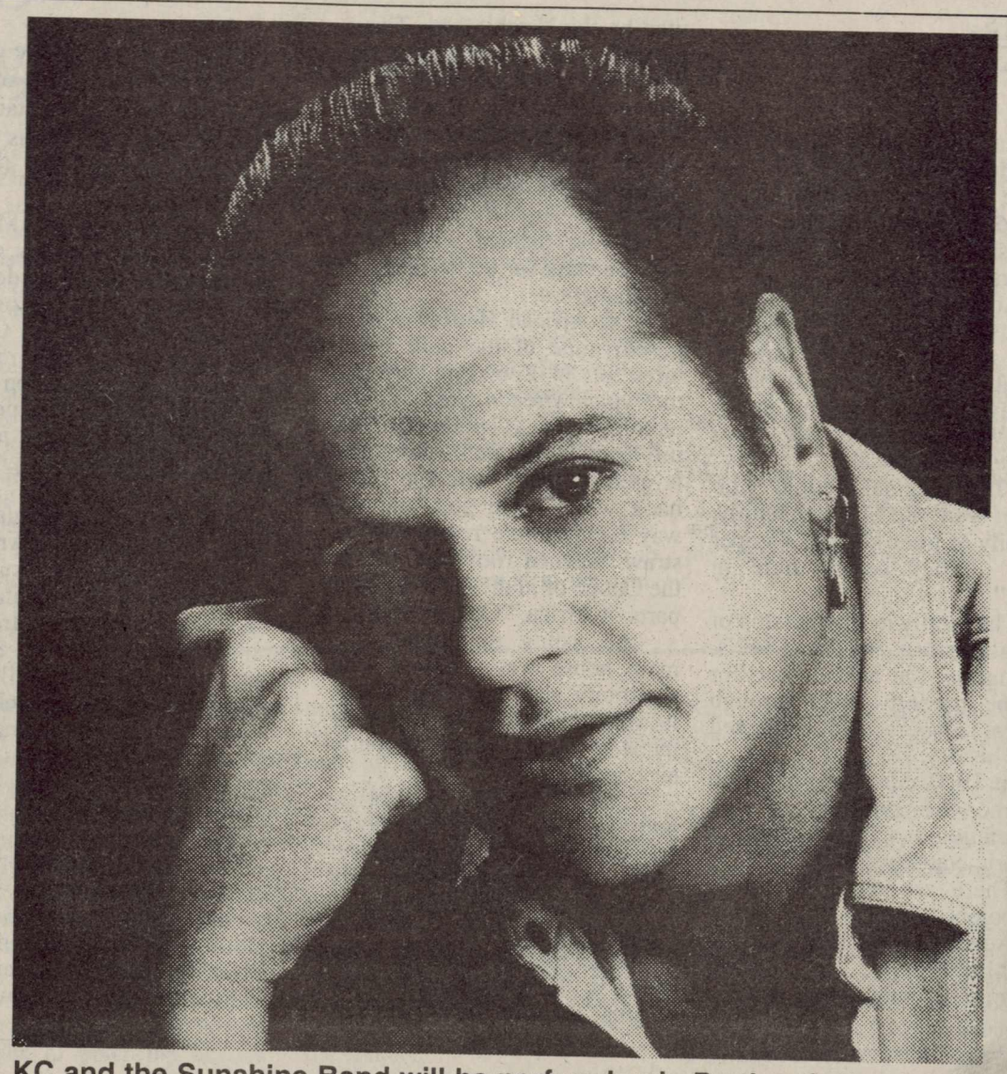
"If you lived in the seventies, you'd have to say, 'Yeah, I miss the seventies.' Those were great times." Being something of a 70's child myself, I have to concur with KC on that one. (Lord knows clogs weren't the easiest shoes to maneuver around in, but they looked pretty killer.)

Anyway, even though KC doesn't miss the old days, he still seems to have a certain appreciation for them.

After all, it was the music of KC & The Sunshine Band that helped to shape a generation. Today, KC still enjoys performing and said that the fact that his music makes other people happy is the best feeling in the world for him.

He called being on stage "the greatest natural high" and really has a good time when he's on stage in front of a group of people.

KC will be performing here this Thursday night and would like us all to come out and enjoy the show. Like the man said, "If you want to have a good time and party, come on out."



KC and the Sunshine Band will be performing in Prather Coliseum this Thursday at 8 p.m.

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Our View

A few tips on how to beat Spring Fever

It's an illness that is quickly spreading through college campuses nation-wide. It can affect anyone, at any time, but sunshine and warm weather seem to contribute to the condition. It is Spring Fever - an illness that rapidly demolishes the college student's desire and ability to "work."

We here at the Current Sauce have a bad case of it. It lessens our desire to attend classes, especially those such as lifetime sports and first aid and CPR, where the teachers push the ideas of eating healthily and exercising while knowing what to do if a friend chokes on a French fry. Other classes that contribute to the spring monotony are Economics 2010, Journalism 4300 and Poultry Processing 4040.

The Student Activities Board has been so thoughtful as to provide us with a form of spring entertainment. Let us speak for the majority of the student body when we say balloon art is not the answer to spring fever, nor is it worth paying someone to show us how wonderfully they can make animals.

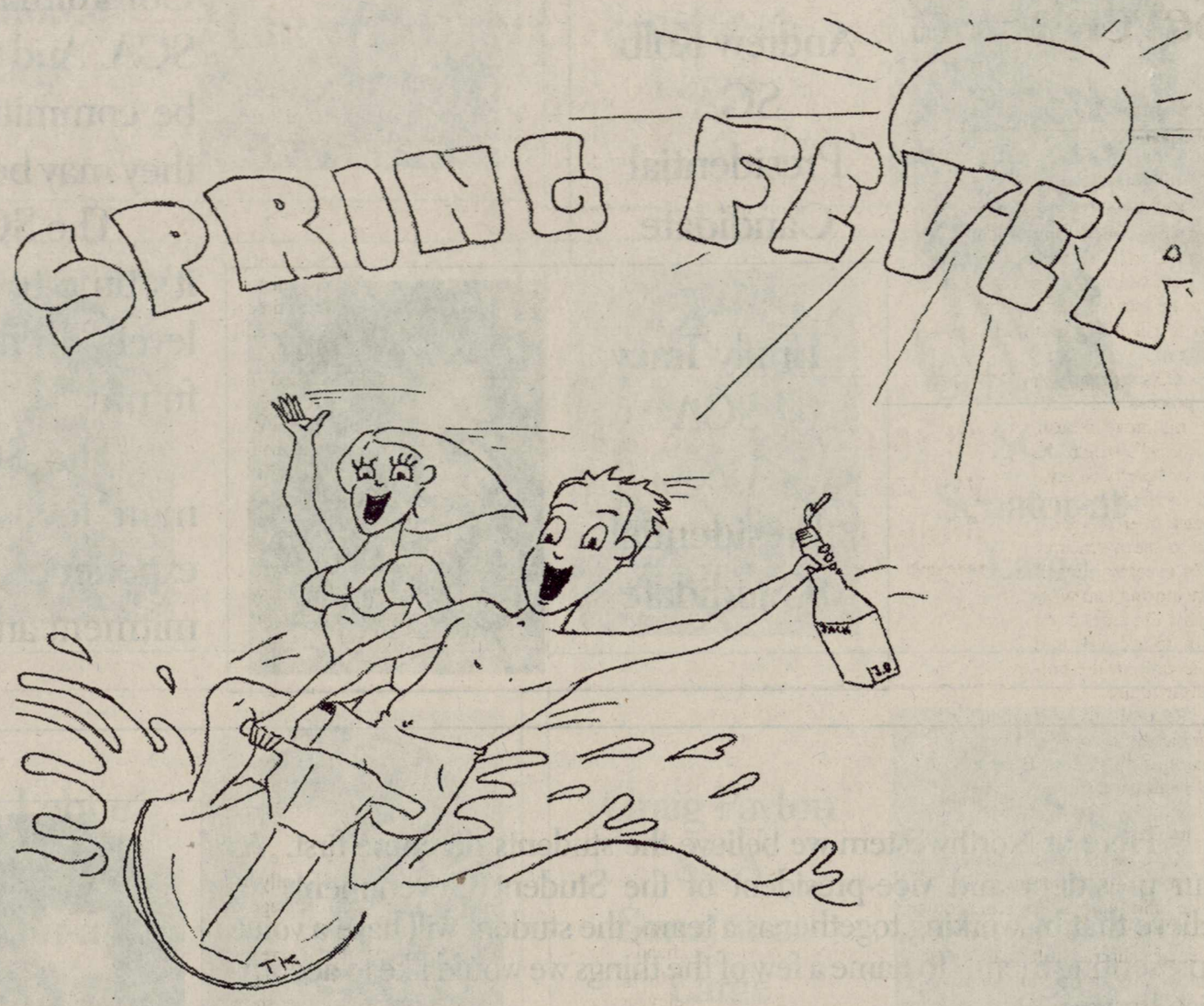
What this University needs is choices. Choices for the student body, not the Student Activities Board. If SAB can not afford to pull in someone most of us want to hear now, why don't they alternate the years that they put on a concert. After all, it should be our choice, not just theirs.

Some ways to escape the horror of spring fever are to:

1. run naked through the halls of Kyser
2. penny lock people in their dorm rooms
3. skip class and sunbathe at Cane River Lake
4. procrastinate
5. drink beer (unless of course you are under age)
6. throw cold water on your roommate in the shower
7. move out of the dorm, just to move back in again
8. watch 80's movies such as "Weird Science," "Dream a Little Dream," "Sixteen Candles," the "Star Wars" Trilogy, and "Fast Times at Ridgemont High"
9. dress up and get a haircut like Molly Ringwald
10. find the picture of KC in this issue of the Current Sauce to win two free tickets to Thursday's concert. (if you find it,call 357-5381 Thursday morning between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. to be involved in the drawing)

At this time we would like to mention that, although this editorial was somewhat sarcastic, at times it can be used to accomplish things at this University. If you remember when we discussed the state of the three columns, we said that they were in dire need of a paint job. Well, we received a phone call a couple of weeks ago from John Winston, vice president, who informed us that a work order had been put in to fix the problem.

We would like to thank the administration for listening to our suggestions for the betterment of the school. By pointing out the problems, we consider ourselves beneficial to the students of the University.



Columnist's revolution has potential to set us all free

Gospel of Jeff

Jeff Burkett

Ok, now that we have all had a chance to recharge the remaining brain cells that we didn't kill off over spring break, what do you say we start a revolution?

I know for some the idea of a revolution or even mere hint of the word causes some to shudder in fear and for others causes a twinkle in the eye. But for this columnist, it gives me a new sense of hope.

The first revolution of 1997 will begin with the uniting of the procrastinators! Because of our nature, I know this revolution will not happen right away, but when it does it will be a powerful movement.

We the procrastinators (and you know who you are) hereby rally to defy the all those who have deadlines, those who make preparations in advance, and mainly those who carry planners. We are sick and tired, ok... just lazy, of having to conform to your constraints of time.

Down with deadlines!

We the procrastinators demand equal rights, that... or just an extension. Rise up my brothers and sisters, throw down your syllabi and just say "I'm mad as hell, and I'm going to wait awhile before I do anything."

The second phase of my world changing revolution will consist with the capture and liberation of the NSU parking lots.

No longer will the faculty have the pleasure of hoarding the wealthy booty of the primo parking spaces on campus. Just like pirates, we will sail into their territory and conquer the evil orange one-armed guardians of the promised land!

"No Mercy" will be our cry as low-riders with those mindless extra-loud stereo systems are set ablaze and scuttled over in the stadium parking area!

Not even the kings royal guard (Campus 5-0)will be able to stop the free-for-all as we take their little yellow ticket spitting demon machines and cast them into the eternal lake of death and Aluminum-Sulfate (Chaplains lake - Do Not Swim There!).

The mid point of revolution 97 will come when we see the mighty KNWD increase in wattage from two hundred fifty to over a billion watts of broadcast power. The FCC's worst nightmare will come to be, and a nightmare of the NSU administrations as well.

Now the senseless DJ's banter, gross bodily sounds, lewd comments and loud obnoxious music that you get to listen to on a daily basis will span the earth and possibly take out, or at least override, all of the 24-7 church showing television stations in Natchitoches.

And if we, the bringers of change, see fit we may even let NSU 22 slide (even the Chang chick can stay). And MTV will flow freely through our television sets...on every channel!

One of the final phases of the revolution will be with the releasing of hostages that Northwestern has claimed over the many years as being a drawing force for higher education.

I have been imprisoned here for too many years now. NSU, it is time to let your people go! Release us from the bondage of learning a foreign language and having to climb to the fourth floor even though I am an upperclassman.

We the revolters demand classes like 1970's sitcoms, a historical comparison of George Washington and George Clinton, researching the effects of alcohol on fraternities and sororities from a dogs eye point of view, and a how to class on maintaining astroturf.

Wow, what a cool revolution...anyone interested? Catch me this summer, after I get outta here!

Editor's note: This is probably the best plan to relieve the parking problem and should be considered.

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Columnists suggests we travel, "by way of the wilderness"

Guest Columnist

Shawntell Lewis

At age thirteen, Roberta Peters knew exactly what she wanted to do with her life and the goals that she wanted to achieve.

By reading this first line as I ran across this story, it truly amazed me because very few 13-year-olds are that certain about their futures. Her goal? To sing opera and be the best opera singer there was.

As she practiced for long hours and exhibited true talent, she was offered the leading role in a Broadway musical. The astronomical salary and the lure of Broadway all danced before her eyes, but by agreeing to go forth meant being away from her training for one year.

Roberta sought advice from her counselor and he told her, "Roberta, you are good but you can be better. If you take this detour, you will never know how far along the straight road you might have gone." With that in mind, she refused the offer, but four years later made her Metropolitan Opera debut in Mozart's Don Giovanni.

"I know what I want, and the sooner I get it, the better I will like it, and please don't ask me to wait!"

Sounds familiar? This is the type of thinking that encourages people, especially young college students, to take the shortcuts or the detours in life.

In today's world, we are living in a hurry-hurry, rush-rush environment that has been called the push-button society. Our main focus is speed which makes it hard to develop patience, a tool that is so much needed, but to often left out of our everyday lives.

The "itch of instantaneous" is a disease that is rapidly spreading throughout this country.

Much too often college students rush into marriage, which is only for the mature, and those who are willing to make a life-long commitment to each other.

Too often we even take detours in our education and job preparation, which only limits our true talents. Not always, but many times we never consider Roberta Peter's counsel, "the straight road."

"The straight road" has no geometrical significance, but it simply means the best direction to take in order to reach your goals. Sometimes this journey may take just a little longer than most of us are willing to travel.

One of the most remarkable journeys in history is found in the Book of Exodus.

Moses, an inspired man of God, led the nation of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land of Canaan. By walking 20 miles a day, they thought they would arrive in 10 days, but instead it took them 40 long years.

In many instances we tend to make plans for ourselves without including the Creator, which is the one who has given us life.

Our plans are not always what God has planned for our lives. In the process of extending their journey through the wilderness and by parting the Red Sea, he taught the Israelites, as he does us, one of the most important lessons of all- to trust and wait on him.

Life's most treasured gifts take time to possess. We as college students must understand that there are no shortcuts to excellence in academics, an ideal career, and a meaningful and purposeful life.

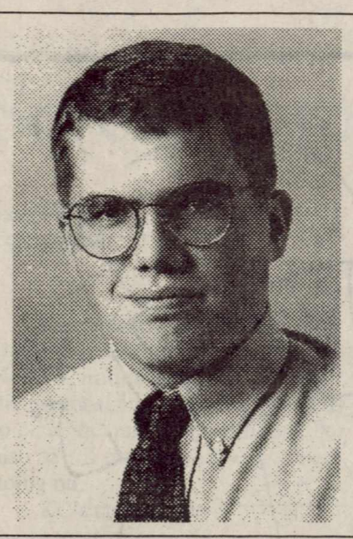
Living your life, "by way of the wilderness," gives you the freedom to know without a doubt:

I am young enough to have joys and sorrows, deep longings and high dreams, and many problems, but old enough to know there is a cause for every joy, a cure for every sorrow, a solution to every problem, and fulfillment for every aspiration.

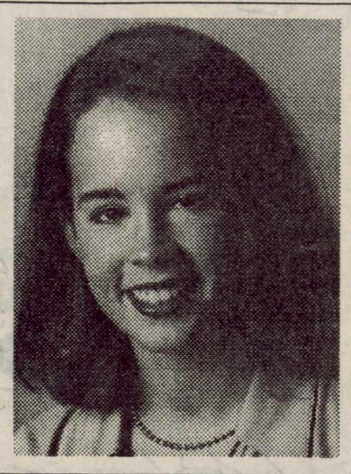
I am young enough to enjoy good time, but old enough to know that one cannot have a good time if pleasure-seeking is put first.

I am young enough to have faith in God, in his goodness, in his loving care over me, in his wise and beautiful plan for my life, but old enough to value his faith as the thing that gives life purpose and makes it worth living.

Presidential tickets for upcoming SGA elections



Andrew Kolb
SGA
Presidential
Candidate



Emily Tracy
SGA
Vice-
Presidential
Candidate

Commitment. That is what you should expect from your SGA. And that is what you will get if we are elected. We will be committed to solving *your* problems - no matter what they may be.

The SGA has made progress in the past year, but now it's time to take the SGA and our commitment to a new level. To make this happen, change must be part of our future.

The SGA must become larger, more efficient, and more focused on the needs of the student. We have the experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm to provide commitment and change. Expect both in 1997!

Here at Northwestern we believe the students do come first. As your president and vice-president of the Student Government, we believe that by working together as a team, the student will have a voice representing them. To name a few of the things we would like to accomplish for you:

1. Get the referendum passed for the new NSU Wellness - IM Center.
2. Have the SGA office staffed five days a week, eight hours a day for the convenience of the student.
3. Begin a student outreach program to listen to the students concerns and opinions.
4. Begin a campus wide recycling campaign and beautification project. To include trash pick-up and picnic tables.
5. Hire a lawyer to give the NSU students free legal advice when needed.
6. Raise the standard of living in the dorm.
7. Provide more lighting on campus around Chaplin's Lake, the dorms, and the library.
8. Have parking lots resurfaced and repainted.
9. Begin a multicutural committee to reach the need of student minorities.
10. GAP - Government Assistance Program: A program allowing students to get active on their campus and plan weekend events.

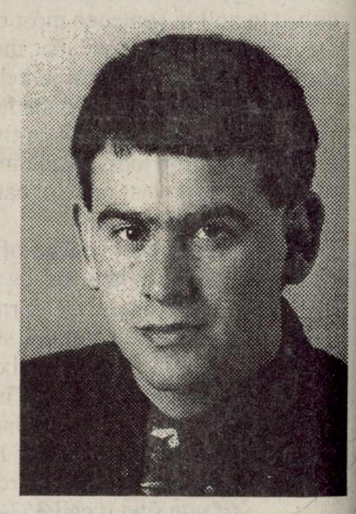
These are a few of the goals that Alicia Thomas and Luke Dowden are working toward for the betterment of you the student.

Go out and vote for Thomas and Dowden for SGA President and Vice President, where experience is the key for success



Alicia Thomas
SGA
Presidential
Candidate

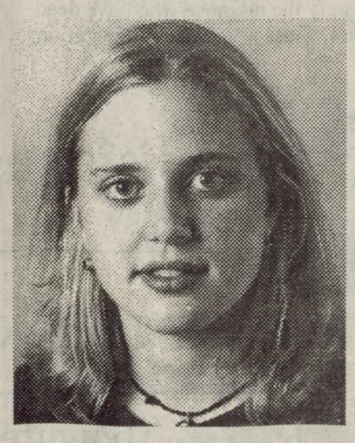
Luke Dowden
SGA
Vice-
Presidential
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Candidates for other available SGA positions



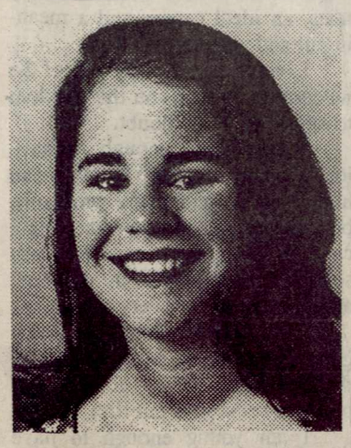
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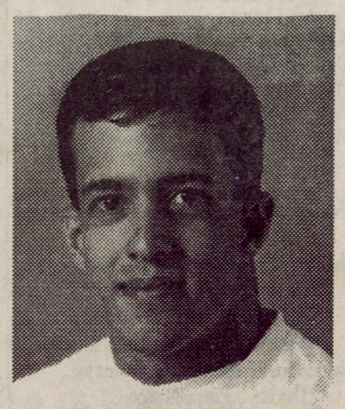
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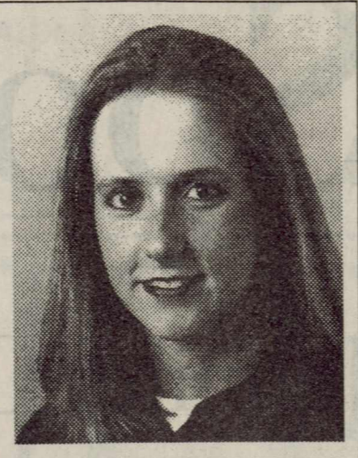
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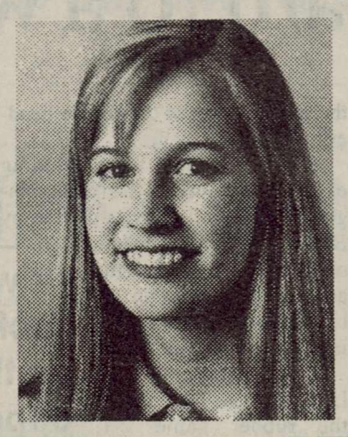




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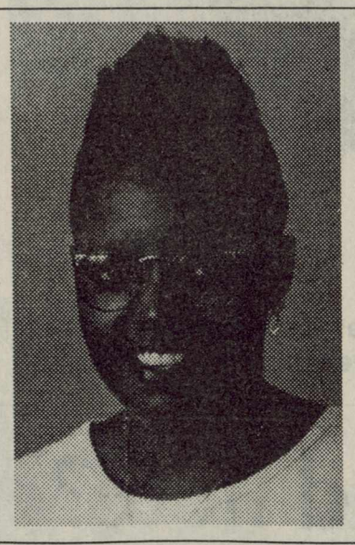
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Canidates for upcoming SAB elections



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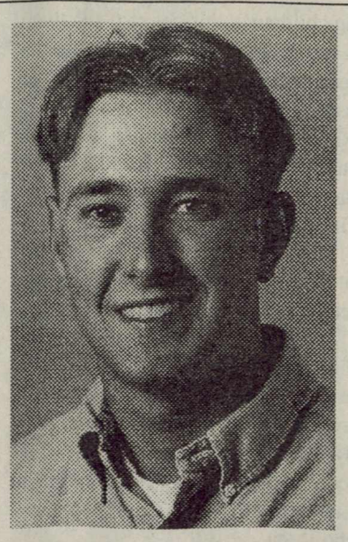


Heather Gros
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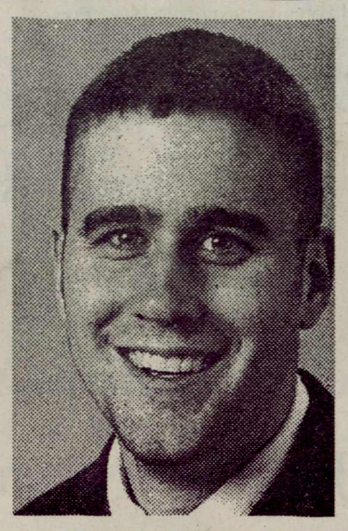
Jason Anderson
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Tammy
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Jeff Jones
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The SAB and SGA elections will be held Wednesday, April 16 in Iberville Dining Hall and Thursday, April 17 in the Student Union. Times were not available at press time.

Sports

Jennifer Owens pitches a no-hitter leading the women's softball team to a win over Stephen F. Austin's Lady Jacks

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Lady Demon softball team is on fire as of late, after a slow start at the beginning of the season.

They began the spring break week with a Southland Conference series with Stephen F. Austin. In the first game of the three game series the Lady Demons won 2-0 and Jennifer Owens pitched the fourth no hitter in Lady Demon softball history.

Owens struck out 7 and upped her record to 5-6 on the year. The Lady Demons got their runs on a RBI single by Shante' Jones and a passed ball. The Lady Demons lost the second game of the double-header to SFA 8-4.

The Demons were winning early in the game 3-0 thanks to a single by Brandy Kenny, a double by Becca Allen and a couple of walks. But SFA came and put three runs on the board in consecutive innings to claim the win.

The next day the Lady Demons beat SFA in the rubber game 2-1. Brandy Kenny led off in the bottom of the first with a solo shot over the center-field fence for a early 1-0 lead.

In the third inning Becca Allen drove in Kenny with a double and the Lady Demons then hung on for the 2-1 victory.

The Lady Demons took a couple of days off in preparation for Louisiana Tech, the 18th ranked team in the country. The game was over early as the Lady Demons stunned the Lady Techsters 8-0. Becca Allen slammed her sixth homer of the year, a grand slam, in the second inning after five consecutive singles by Shannon Straty, April Cook, Brandy Kenny, Tammy Peck and Amber Welker.

Kenny also added a homerun in the game and the lights were turned out early at the Lady Demon Softball Complex as the game was over after the fifth inning due to the seven run rule.

"It was great to see us put hits back-to-back and put a big inning on the board against a quality opponent." Coach Gay McNutt

"It was great to see us put up hits back-to-back-to-back and put a big inning on the board against a quality opponent," Head Coach Gay McNutt said.

The Lady Demons then ventured into Huntsville, Texas to play Sam Houston State in a three game Southland Conference series. The Lady Demons played tough, but lost two out three in the series. The lone win came on Sunday as Jennifer Owens pitched a five hit shutout and Shante' Jones had two RBI singles to lift the Lady Demons over Sam Houston 2-0.

This past weekend the Lady Demons played the McNeese State Cowgirls in Lake Charles. The ladies split the series winning the first game 2-0 and losing the second game 4-3.

The Lady Demon softballers are on a roll right now and are 15-23 overall and 6-9 in the Southland Conference and in sixth place. If they continue their hot streak they winning 10 of their last 14 games the other teams in the Southland Conference will have a tough time beating them when the SLC softball tournament rolls around.

The Lady Demons will play a lot of games this week with one game on Monday against McNeese and then a game at USL. They then come home to play a three game series with Nicholls State.

Let's hope that the trend continues and the ladies come home with a sweep that will give them momentum to win the conference softball tournament.

Baseball team captures three important victories; conference title hopes high

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

Robert Hewes raised his batting average 55 points in just three games and helped the Demon baseball team to three wins this week over Louisiana Tech and Nicholls State.

Hewes who was hitting .278 went 11-14 in the three games this week and raised his batting average to .333 with his performance.

The Demons meanwhile slugged Louisiana Tech 15-3 in Ruston on Wednesday. Hewes, Derrick Nunn, Brad Fenster, and Ryan Appleton all hit homers in the Demons 21 hit barrage on Tech. Rick Metcalfe got the win and upped his record to 2-2 on the year.

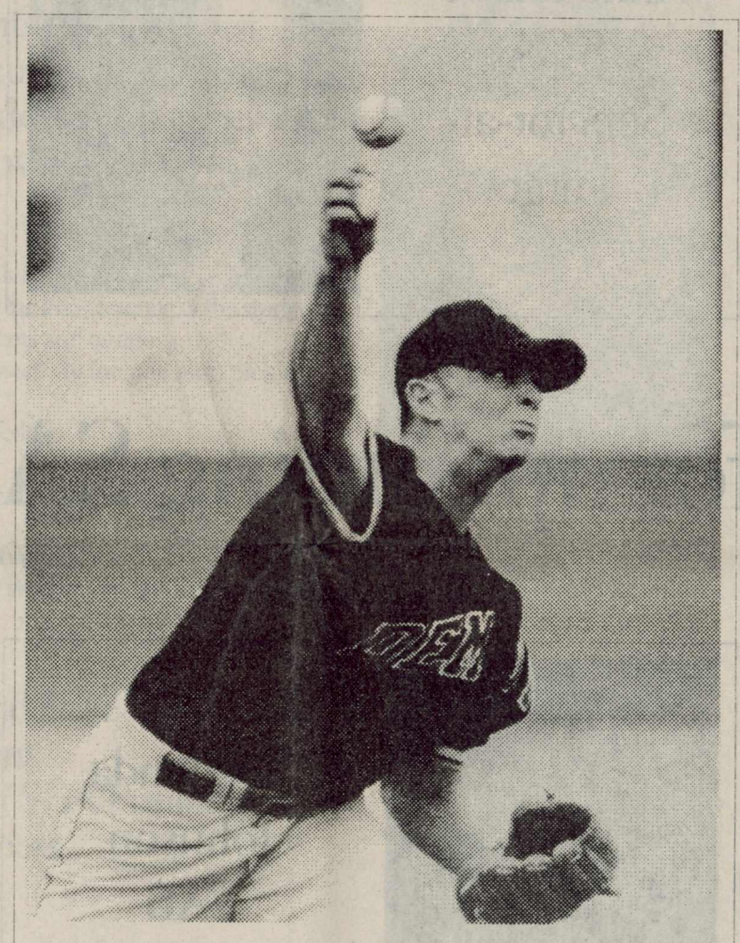
The Demons then went down to Thibodaux, to play Nicholls in a Southland Conference series.

In the first game Brian Lawrence, turned in a commanding performance striking out eight and walking only two in the 2-0 Demon victory. Hewes scored both of the runs in the victory on a passed ball and then he was knocked in by Nunn for the other run.

In the second game Hewes started the game with a triple and had 2 RBI's in the game and Fred Ortega added a homerun in the 7-3 Demon win. Allen Davis got the win and upped his pitching record to 3-2 on the year.

With the three wins the Demons upped their record to 20-15 overall and a Southland Conference league leading 11-5 record. This week the Demons will play Louisiana College in one game, and McNeese in Lake Charles in a three game SLC series.

Let's hope that Hewes keeps his hot bat and the Demons keep on winning to stay atop the Southland Conference so they can win their fifth conference title in the 90's.



Brian Lawrence explodes the ball out to secure three victories for the Demons. file photo

Lady Demon tennis falls into third place in SLC

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Lady Demon tennis team has been very hot so far this season in Southland Conference play. They have only lost two matches this year in SLC play and are currently 8-4 overall and 5-2 in conference play and in third place in the conference.

The week started off with a match against Centenary on Thursday in Natchitoches at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex. The women played well and won 5-2.

They were led by Ljudmila Pavlov and Marta Zivanov. Both of them won their singles matches in straight sets. Pavlov won 6-0, 6-0 and Zivanov won her match 6-0, 6-4.

They then teamed up and won their doubles match 8-2. The other two team points were picked up by Merlin Prezens who won her match 6-3, 6-3 and Jelena Lukic' who won 6-1, 6-0.

The Lady Demons then traveled to Thibodeaux to face a very tough Nicholls State team that is leading the SLC. The Lady Demons played well but lost 4-3 in a heartbreaker.

With a win the ladies would have taken over the conference lead. The team played well in singles play splitting with the Lady Colonels 3-3 with Merlin Prezens, Jelena Lukic' and Marta Zivanov getting wins. The Lady Demons could not win a doubles match though and that was their undoing in the loss.

The Lady Demons will then host the Southland Conference tennis championships at the Jack Fisher Tennis Center.

Next week look for preview of the SLC Tennis championships and we will see how the Lady Demon netters will win their second SLC championship in three years.

The Fan asks, "who is the kid here?"

Just a Fan

Don Harper

I'm writing this as the most manly movie ever made is playing behind me on TV, "Red Dawn." If you can't feel the testosterone pumping through your veins when you watch this movie then you need to go find your latest copy of "Glamour." I just love this movie.

Now to sports, I am coaching my daughter's 4 and 5-year-old tee-ball team and Friday night I attended a Little League Tee-ball coaches meeting.

I was thrown for a loop when I observed the happenings. Those attending this meeting were the coaches in the Bossier City Little League for both the 4 and 5-year-old teams and the 6 and 7-year-old teams.

I went intending to register my team, get a rule book and the other miscellaneous stuff that coaches have to do to get their team started.

We did these things, but while this was going on some coaches were trading players. Trading preschoolers and kindergartners! My jaw was on the floor.

Then I thought for a minute, "maybe I'm not taking this as serious as I should?" Then I woke up. These are small children I am working with here. I am here to teach them motor skills, the rules of baseball (tee-ball), and how to be a winner.

My Definition: Winner—someone who gives all they have, win or lose, and in the process earns the respect of of their opponent regardless of the score.

A coach cannot do this if he/she is worried about trading a 4-year-old little girl who has never picked up a bat before to get another little girl whose mother has one of those bumper stickers on her faded mini-van that reads "My kid can beat up your honor student."

I can't deal with these people. It's not all about winning. It's about being a winner.

Personally, I think every kid, at a very early age, should have the chance to play on a team that loses every game.

They will learn the value of winning and what its like to be on the other side of a 20 run loss. It is the responsibility of anyone coaching children at this age to teach them as much about the game as possible -learning how to lose is a part of that.

Don't get me wrong, I understand that every coach's goal, and player's goal, for that matter is to win.

And if you ever have a chance to meet me you will see that I compete in everything I do.

I find someone to compete with for grades, killing mosquitoes on a summer evening, for the best cannon ball at the pool ar anything else I can find to play. I do not condone losing, but where there is someone who wins there is someone who loses.

Notice that I did not say LOSER. Stop and think some time about what you just read. I hope I have stirred your inner soul.

I understand that most of you who read this are students and have yet to experience the adventure of parenthood, but you need to take time out and hear old people like me every so often so you can handle yourself better when you get in the same situation.

On the lighter side of things, the winners of the "Dominos/Current Sauce Tournament Challenge" are, drum roll please, Chuck "Dream" Weaver and Jude "Huckleberry" Finn.

I couldn't resist with the nicknames. Both winners had Kentucky in the final and won by having the best selection percentage overall.

Weaver won the challenge picking 66 percent of the games, 42/63 correct and Finn ran a close second getting 65 percent 41/63 correct. Thanks to all those who participated.

The "Sauce" sports staff finished with Elizabeth Crump finishing first with 70 percent of the games picked correctly, Brian Satawa finished with 44 percent correct, and I finished tied with Weaver at 66 percent. Congratulations to both Weaver and Finn and you may go to Dominos to pick up your pizzas with your NSU ID. Remember, Barney says "always share with others."

I sit by my computer and anxiously await your E-MAIL on your opinion of my column. How can I do better? What would like to see feature about? Let me know.

I don't care if you're a student, faculty, alum, or just someone who picked up the paper in the bathroom stall. Let me know what you think.

I hope to do this for a living in the future and if I stink I'd like to know now so I can move on to the Diesel Driving Academy. So if you want to E-MAIL me or the Sauce send it to nshar0968@alpha.nsula.edu. or you can also call the student publications office at 357-5456. Have a great week.

REMEMBER: If you are satisfied with who you are today then you will go no farther.

But, if you desire to know more, be more, and experience more then you will.

Ronnie Powell wins 100 meter dash and Terrence Bean finishes fourth in the high jump at the Texas relays

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Northwestern State track team got a huge win from Ronnie Powell in the 100 meter dash at the Texas Relays in Austin, Texas on Saturday.

Powell finished the race in the third fastest time in Northwestern history with a time of 10.29. On Friday Powell had the second fastest time in Northwestern history with a 10.26 clocking barley missing the school record of 10.22 held by Mark Duper.

With the win Powell qualified for the NCAA outdoor track and field championships in May. Powell is unbeaten in six sprints this year dating back to his 55 meter dash victory at the Southland Conference indoor championships in February.

Terrence Bean also had a good meet finishing in fifth place in the high jump with a leap of 7'-1". The three time All-American in the high jump and SLC champion was happy but not totally satisfied with his performance because he thinks he can get up to 7'-4"-7'-6" range before the season is over.

The Demon Track team will be back in action on Thursday at the Louisiana Tech Twilight Invitational in Ruston.

Lets hope that Powell and Bean continue to shine and other Demon and Lady Demon track athletes will get their names in the spotlight as the outdoor track and field season continues on this year.

Northwestern hosts the Southland Conference Womens Tennis championships April 17-19 at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex, be sure to mark your calenders!!!

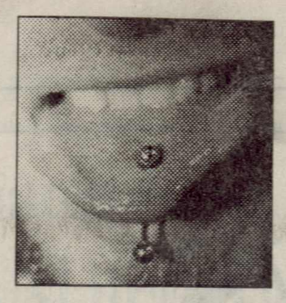
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Didn't make it to the K.C. and the Sunshine Band concert? We'll let you know what you missed. See page 11 details.



What is that in your tongue? See what all the buzz is about tatoos and piercings on page 10.

SGA presidential debate gives candidates chance to discuss issues

Tatum Lyles
News editor

Student Government Association presidential hopefuls debated student-related issues Monday on NSU Channel 22.

The debate included Alicia Thomas and her running mate Luke Dowden against Andrew Kolb and his running mate Emily Tracy. The topics stemmed from the campaign platforms of each candidate. The subjects ranged from opening a student run bookstore to helping students combat the high prices of Aramark's food.

The candidates opened the debate with different statements. Thomas and Dowden began with the proposal that the SGA, if it is to come under their control, would be a team effort to improve the student's form of government. "We believe that as team players, we can create a better SGA," Thomas said. Kolb spoke on the SGA's responsibility to students. "SGA is the guardian of the students' rights," Kolb said.



Holland

They also discussed how to get in touch with the student body and better serve the many different types of students here at NSU. On the subject of nontraditional students, "they have different needs and different concerns...," Kolb said.

There were ideas of breakfasts and lunches with faculty and also, more personal interaction between the students and administrators. "Through open forums... we will be able to serve the needs of the students," Dowden said.

Another proposal to involve the students with the happenings of SGA is through interaction in the Current Sauce. According to Thomas, the student newspaper will publish the minutes of each SGA meeting weekly. She also proposed a newsletter be published to spread the news of what is going on with the SGA. Thomas stressed her desire to see new faces on the many SGA committees, such as the freshman advisory committee.



Kolb

On the issue of lawyers to provide students with free legal advice, Thomas has spoken to several in Natchitoches. Tracy has also spoken to local attorneys and has found one that will offer two hours per week to the student body. Each student would have two minutes to converse with the attorney.

According to Kolb, the main problem with the student government is that the students do not feel they are represented very well. He and his running mate propose senators from each department to help remedy the problem.

Dowden spoke of the racial issue and will propose a multicultural committee that would promote racial harmony.

The idea of the student bookstore proposed in Kolb and Tracy's platform would allow students to negotiate the price of textbooks. Books would be sold at the bookstore by the students with a percentage of the profits going to SGA to help cover the costs of running the bookstore. When asked to comment on the subject, Dowden spoke of the time and commitment running a new form of the bookstore would take.

Kolb stressed the importance of looking at everyone as students, not

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March of Dimes recruits NSU groups for WalkAmerica

Andrew Martin
Editor-in-Chief

The March of Dimes has brought Northwestern's involvement into its plans for this year's local WalkAmerica event and to a much higher level.

This year's event, to be held on April 26, already has eight teams from NSU registered for the charity walk. Organizations registered so far include ROTC, Blue Key, Delta Sigma Theta, New Student Programs, Residence Halls, Phi Mu, Zeta Phi Beta and Circle K.

"We're looking for teams to come out and volunteer their time and service to help raise money for the March of Dimes," La'Tisma Lee, special events coordinator for the March of Dimes in Natchitoches, said.

This year's event will begin by the Cane River Lake on Front Street. Registration will be held at 8 a.m. and the walk, which will cover six miles, will begin at 9 a.m.

While the WalkAmerica event (participants seeking out individuals to sponsor them per kilometer that they walk) is the main fund-raiser for the March of Dimes, organizations or teams of volunteers have other options available to them to help raise money.

"We have different types of raffles and team packets that give other options to groups so that they can participate without walking," Lee said. "The packets include four pages of fund-raising ideas like pet contests, bake sales and garage sales."

Event organizers have planned events for the day of the event to make it fun for participants while they help raise money.

"We have a lot of fun when we put on the event," Lee said. "We have a picnic that is free for all of the participants. We serve morning refreshments before the walk and we have entertainment on the stage before the walk. After the walk we will have a band. It is a whole lot of fun for a good cause."

Participants are eligible for prizes based upon the amount of money that they raise. $50 qualifies participants to win a Chapter Walk T-shirt, $100 wins the T-shirt and a golf umbrella and $200 wins the T-shirt, umbrella and AM/FM radio with headphones.

The March of Dimes spends 76 cents of every dollar on research, education and programs to help prevent birth defects.

For more information on this year's local WalkAmerica event or to find out how you could become a team member, contact Melissa Peveto at 357-6466 or La'Tisma Lee at 357-1151 as soon as possible.

Summer 1997 brings higher cost for dorm dwellers, additional renovations

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

Dorm dwellers can expect a higher bill from NSU this fall as the price of dorm rooms rise.

The price for a double occupancy room has gone from $490 to $590 and the price for a private room changed from $820 to $990.

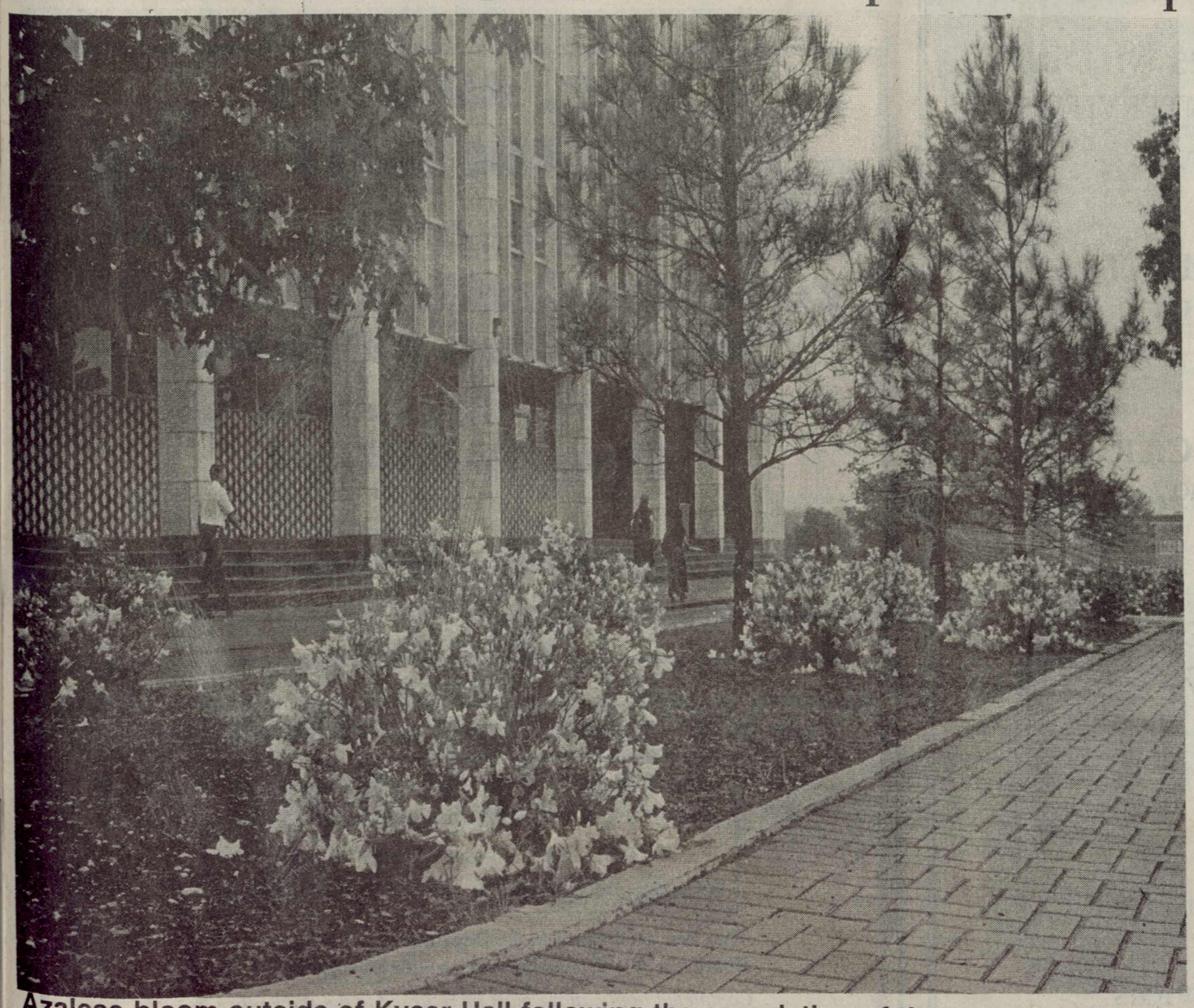
"This is the first time that we've had a rate increase in years," Shelisa Theus, coordinator of residential services, said. "So, I don't see it jumping again in a year because we don't have a reputation of constantly increasing the dorm rates."

According to Theus, this year's increase was made to fund several renovations and needed improvements in all seven dorms.

"There are a lot things that we need to get done in the residence halls and its been quite a long time since any of our residence halls have been renovated," Theus said. "We need to paint them. We need new furniture. We need new desks and we want to provide better programming in the residence halls. In order

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Second phase of campus beautification plan now complete; cost to date $350,000



Azaleas bloom outside of Kyser Hall following the completion of the second phase of the 1993 campus beautification project. The third and final phase will begin soon and will result in the completion of the entire process.

photo by Steve Evans

Philip Wise
Opinions Editor

Northwestern has recently completed the 2nd phase of the campus beautification project with the addition of various plants and shrubbery in the newly developed flower beds of the Academic Core.

The academic core, the area comprised of Williams, Fournet and Kyser Halls, is the central area that the Physical Plant has been focusing their construction efforts on since 1993.

Past President Robert Alost implemented the beautification plans in the latter part of his term with the joint cooperation of the Physical Plant and the Beautification Committee.

> "We will spend about $400,000 on the total project....." W.K. Norman

There are several different areas of the plan that have been addressed since the start of construction. The first phase of the plan involved the excavation of the old parking lot between Kyser, Williams and Fournet Hall.

The parking lot was replaced with a layer of bed rocks as a foundation for the brick work. Skip Rawlings Co. was the general contractor of this construction work.

The second phase involved making sidewalks and flower beds in front of Kyser Hall and the post office. During this phase many different types of plant shrubs and trees were added to the beds.

"We've tried to stay with the trees that are common to Louisiana," said, W. K. Norman, assistant director of the Physical Plant of Northwestern State University. "We're trying to stay with Cypress, Oaks and Pines that are indigenous of our area of the country." The construction of the new flower beds, brick work and sidewalks had to accommodate for drainage during heavy amounts of rainfall. Drainage has directed many aspects of the overall planning of the Academic Core. There has been a drainage problem on Sibley Drive and the walkways that lead into Kyser for many years. The problem has been pinpointed and construction has helped the problem.

Construction of such a great scale comes with a heavy price. The completion of the first phase had an approximate expense of 200,000 dollars. The second phase had an estimated cost of a 150,000 dollars.

"We will spend about 400,000 dollars on the total project as for as the paved stone areas are concerned," Norman said.

Students had mixed feelings about the expense of the project. Some felt the money was a waste and should have been used else where. Others thought it was a good idea and help the overall looks of the campus.

"It seems that the money could have been better spent on more important things such as education," Rob Candiloro, Physical Education, senior said.

"I think helping to beautify the campus environment is great," Catherine Gill, freshman, English and Journalism major, said. "It provides the students with an aesthetic experience on their way to class. The process needs to be done, however at much cheaper costs."

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CAAP Test
Students required to take either the math or science reasoning part of the CAAP test will be notified by their instructors in class. These students must also take the reading part of the test. The writing part of the CAAP will be given in the sophomore level English classes. These students also have to take the reading part of the CAAP test. To sign up for the math, science reasoning, or reading tests, go by Room 306 of the Student Union or call 357-5246. The tests will be given several different times during April.

Freshman Connection
This summer Northwestern will hold its four Freshman Connection Orientation and Registration Sessions which will allow you to register for your fall classes. To register for these programs, you should complete a reservation card and return it with the program fee of $75. You may pay by check or money order payable to Northwestern State University. Mail this check or money order to Freshman Connection 1997, Northwestern State University, P.O. Box 5244, Natchitoches, LA 71497. If you have questions, please call 357-5559 for more information.

Ladies Night Informational Meeting
This is the opportunity for all mature, goal-oriented ladies to come and see all of the things we have to offer. This meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23 at the Friedman Student Union. For this one special night only, child care services will be available for children four and older in the Friedman Student Union. For more information, call 357-5559.

Parent Connection
For information on attending Parent Connection, call 357-5559.

Theatre Journal to publish Stacy article on Buried Child
Experiences in directing two productions of Sam Shepard's Buried Child, including one at Northwestern, have translated into a scholarly publication for Dr. James R. Stacy, assistant professor of theatre. Having seen the revised text in performance at Chicago's legendary Steppenwolf Theatre, Stacy incorporated some of the revisions into NSU's production of the play when he guest directed it in February 1996. Before the Steppenwolf production went to Broadway, Shepard made even more revisions and later oversaw the publication of his revised text, the only one now available for production. Stacy's analysis of the revisions is entitled "Making the Grave Less Deep: A Descriptive Assessment of Sam Shepard's Revisions to Buried Child." It is scheduled for publication in the Fall 1997 issue of The Journal of American Drama and Theatre published out of New York City. Stacy's first production of Buried Child, staged at Northern Kentucky University in 1983, was cited for excellence by the American College Theatre Festival and selected for regional display that year. Shepard is well known in Natchitoches for his portrayal of Dolly Parton's husband in Steel Magnolias. For more information, contact Jim Stacy at 357-5015.

New ID card system to include calling card, book voucher, access card and meal card; all information to be encoded in magnetic strip

Andrew Kolb
Contributing writer

Northwestern students will be getting a new ID card system, possibly as soon as next fall according to Auxiliary Services Director Harold Boutte.

The new ID card will be an upgrade from the current system. At first the new system will still serve as the students' ID, meal card, and access card. It will however, be capable of being upgraded to be used as a calling card, book voucher, and as a debit card in vending machines.

"We're trying to move to the next level of technology, and this system will take Northwestern to that level," Boutte said.

The first step in this new program will be changing the current ID system to the new digital card.

The card will have a digital picture, and will have the necessary information, such as the students' social security number encoded on a magnetic step. Once the first step is done, the other upgrades, such as the calling card and debit card options, will come as the university finds the money.

"Every upgrade has a dollar sign," Boutte continued. "|We don't want to tax the student. Our main objective is to get it here and work out the kinks, all without taxing the student."

While every student will be required to purchase one of the new ID cards, the price will remain $5. It will, however, cost more to replace if lost, Boutte said.

The new system will help shorten lines at fee payment because stickers will no longer need to be applied to the card. It will also help make SGA elections and SAB events run smother.

The card will only need to be swiped through a scanner in order for the students' enrollment to be checked.

"We can delete paper by using the technology," Boutte added. "This is something long overdue, something that we've needed for a long time."

Next year's parking stickers to be two times smaller than current permits; hang tags still not an option

David Sullivan
Contributing writer

Parking stickers will be shrinking at Northwestern State University, but the question remains: why don't they just switch to hang tags like LSU and other colleges in Louisiana?

"I honestly don't know why," NSU Police Officer Russell Rachal said. " But at least NSU's traffic committee noticed how the stickers in use now are so big that they're eye sores, and decided to make them smaller."

NSU has been using parking stickers as opposed to hang tags the entire 8 years Officer Rachal has been employed at NSU. Rachal said that he believes they had been using stickers long before he was employed here.

This September the current stickers will be replaced with stickers two times smaller and will still require the same placement, "either permanently adhered to the lower left corner of the rear windshield or the left side of the rear bumper," Rachal said . They will still cost $15.

"We didn't have hang tags because President Alost didn't want them," Chief Ricky Williams of the NSU police department said. According to Williams, hang tags cause too many problems with accountability.

"Students at other colleges get parking tickets, then just throw away the hang tag and get a new one without paying the fines...plus, they get stolen too easily," Williams said.

"I personally think they're doing it just to make more money," Chris Griffith, a Scholars' College sophomore said.

Griffith believes the reason NSU uses parking stickers instead of hang tags is so the University can still profit if a student were to buy a new car in the middle of the semester.

"A sticker forces a student to pay to register a newly purchased car because most people are too lazy to scrape their old sticker off and exchange it for a new one, whereas a hang tag would enable one to simply place the old hang tag in the new car without the hassle of registering it," Griffith said.

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to do all these things, then of course we need additional funds."

Some dorm renovations are already in progress.

"We've already completed construction while renovating the entire South Wing of Rapides Hall," Theus said. "Last summer, the fourth floors were done. So all we have left to renovate is the first and third floor on the East Wing and the West Wing."

All renovations on Rapides Hall should be complete by this fall, and will eventually get to every residence hall Theus said.

Another change in residential life for this fall will be a cinema package for the dorms, through Channel 22. Residents will be able to choose from 12 movies each month.

"This channel will be like a movie channel but is also a bulletin board for us," Theus said. "So anytime we need to communicate information to the residents."

Although the cost of dorm rooms are increasing, Theus doesn't see the number of campus residents decreasing this fall.

"I don't really think so, because if you compare our dorm rates to those of other people around the state, we were never charging as much as everyone else and that's why they were always able to offer more than what we were offering," Theus said.

"We are exploring different housing options," Theus said.

Some options being considered are the possibility of having a residence hall floor set aside for only private rooms.

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Completed applications must be returned to the same office by

4:30 pm, April 24.

Potential applicants should check the 1997 Student Handbook for qualifications required for each position before submitting an application.

Questions can be answered by calling Steve Horton, advisor of Current Sauce and Potpourri, at 5339.

Campus Connections

Mardi Gras Bead alert
This summer's first dinner theater production Louisiana Purchase, will need LOTS of Mardi Gras beads as set dressing and props. It is set in New Orleans at Mardi Gras.
We are asking all students' help in gathering beads. Check your closets and bring us all those leftover beads you no longer have a use for. Before you leave for the summer, drop them by the CAPA Theatre area offices Room 105 or Room 102. THANKS. (and come see the show!) For more information, contact Jim Stacy, director, at 5015.

Phi Alpha Theta's Annual Spring Banquet
It will feature guest speaker Richard Megraw of the University of Alabama. "Contesting the Cane," a look at Lyle Saxton's Children of Strangers and WPA photographers on Cane River. The events will take place on Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m. at The Landing Restaraunt. The menu will include a buffet with crawfish ettoufee and chicken. Tickets are $12.50 and are available by contacting the Department of Social Sciences at 357-6195 or Dr. James McCorkle at 357-5504.

Phi Mu Fraternity
The Kappa Sigma "Brady Bunch" exchange is Wendesday. The phone committee will call you with the details. Preformal is Thursday from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Rogue House. Catfish dinners can still be paid for to Gina. The number of extra orders is limited! Lasyone's will be delivering the food at 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. This weekend's Workshop was great, thank you for working so hard! Phi Mu Ladies are the greatest! Formal is Friday from 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. at the Country Club. We are having a band, so be ready to boogie! Carnation Sis presentation will be at 10:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on April 20 at 6 p.m. and will be a chapter development at the Phi Mu house. Remember that we are having the Ice Cream Social with our wonderful alumnae! So come prepared to have fun and don't be late.

Public Affairs Association
NSUPAA is a new, service-oriented group whose purpose is to inform students and the public at large about current events and government activities and issues. It is open to all NSU students and majors. We are currently engaging in a membership drive. The meetings are held every Tuesday night at 6:00 in room 221 of the student Union, the SGA room. For more information, contact Northwestern State University Public Relations Director, Keri Champion NSU Box 5098 Natchitoches, LA 71497

Sigma Sigma Sigma
It's Tri Sigma week. Tuesday at 6 p.m. is sidewalk chalk. Meet at the house. Sisterhood will be song-fest, and that will start at 8:30. Be there to show your Tri Sigma spirit and support our participants. Wednesday is the faculty/staff icecream social. Don't forget to show up for the times you signed up for. There will be tennis at 3 p.m. Thursday is letter day and there will be a spirit meeting at 6 p.m. Let's not forget about the crawfish boil on Friday and formal on Saturday! Sunday is founder's day from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. That night we have CBM. Tri Sigma is the best all year, we just took this week to celebrate it.

S.T.U.N. members
To all S.T.U.N. members and non-members our last general meeting of the year will be held on friday, april 25 at 4: 00 pm in the theatre lounge . We will hold re-elections for the upcoming semester and vote for this year's S.T.U.N. awards. We will also discuss new projects for next semester- with the possibility of t-shirts and a S.T.U.N. library ! Come be a part of this new and exciting organization, with live play readings and volunteer programs that work to improve our theatre budget and our overall morale! You don't even have to be a theatre major to join and show your support for the only live theatre in Natchitoches! Watch for more updates on this growing organization and don't forget our next play
Reading is King Lear at 2:00 pm Saturday, April 26 in the S.T.U.N. lounge. See you there!!!

Spirit of Northwestern prepares for another season, record number of members slated for next year

Courtney LaCour
Contributing writer

The Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band is getting ready for another season by setting goals for themselves that include growth and improvement.

Bill Brent, director of the Department of Creative and Performing Arts, estimates a slight increase in the number of band members from this past season. According to Brent, who serves as band director, the size of next season's band could be anywhere from 270 to 290. This number includes auxiliary groups such as the dance-line and color guard.

Brent admitted that the band is so large that there are not enough uniforms for every member. The solution has been for the drumline and tuba players to wear a different uniform consisting of black tuxedo pants, a white shirt, and a purple bow tie. However, not all band members are happy about this arrangement.

Patrick Hoffman, a freshman tuba player, doesn't mind wearing something different, but at times, misses having a regular uniform.

"I guess I am just spoiled because we all had band uniforms when I was in high school," he said.

Brent has many goals that he wants the band to accomplish next year. His primary goal is to concentrate on bringing the marching and playing together. At the same time, Brent wants to provide a show that is entertaining for a wide-range audience.
"We did very well on our marching last year, but I would like for us to do better," Brent said. "We also want shows that will entertain a wide variety of people including NSU and the city of Natchitoches, which is sometimes hard to do."

Plans for the band during the football season include traveling. Brent plans to take the band to Baton Rouge when NSU plays Southern University. In addition, the band may travel to Lake Charles for the McNeese game.

On April 21, Brent will hold drum major try-outs to determine who will lead the band next season. The try-outs will be held in the band room and every band member is encouraged to attend. Everyone that attends will have the opportunity to ask each candidate a question of their own choice. ~

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as members of particular ethnic groups.

On the dorm life situation, Thomas has lived in three of the dorms and has experienced the problems other students face. One of the main problems with the dorm situation is the lack of action taken in the discipline of students by the Residential Advisors.

In closing, it was evident that the two parties were attempting to attain the same goals, to improve Northwestern. "We are all students on Northwestern's campus and are all working for the same goal - to improve the campus," Dowden said.

Any students interested in working with next year's Potpourri should contact Kevin Brough at 357-5456. An informational meeting will be held Wednesday at 6 p.m. in 225 Kyser Hall

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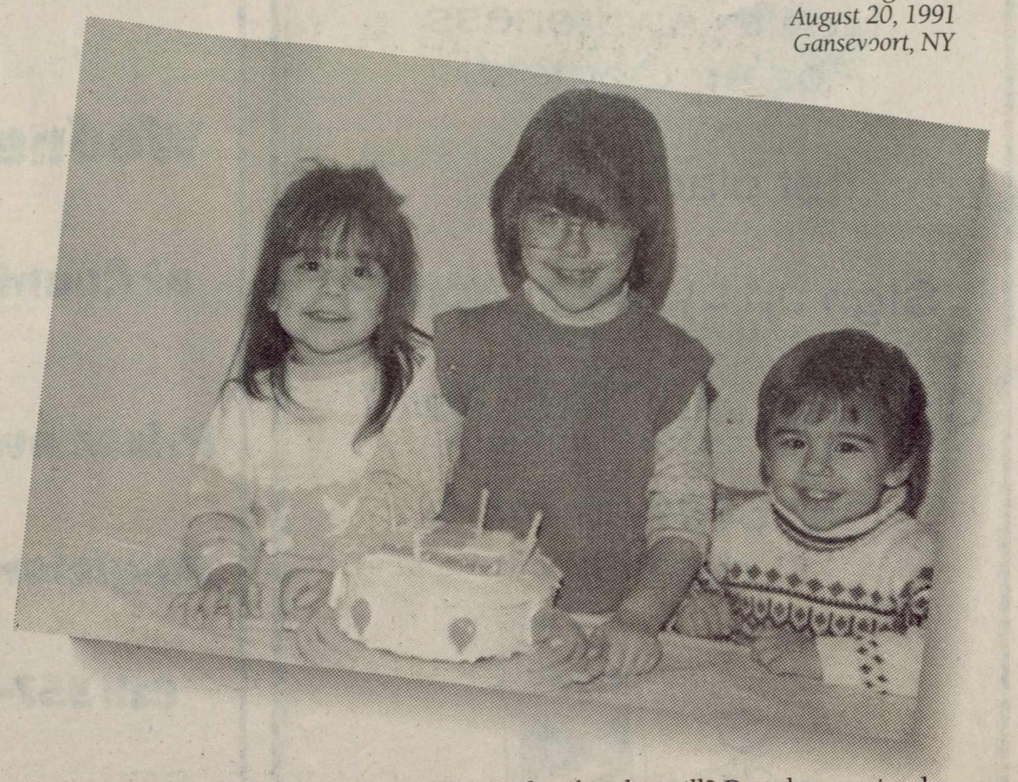
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Lisa Chesser.

A&E

Acid Bath, Crowbar and Floodgate to perform in Shreveport April 25

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

So much is going on with Acid Bath these days, it is getting hard for me to keep up. But thanks to an awful lot of networking and a ton of long-distance phone calls, I think I'm doing a fairly decent job. So grab yourself a cup of coffee, read the interview and feel free to relax knowing that I'm more than willing to do whatever it takes to keep you informed about Acid Bath.

Okay, first of all, the guys are having a little bit of personal trouble right now, but I haven't been able to catch up with them to get the full story. So instead of speculating on the details, I'll only give you what I know.

One of the band's members was hospitalized but is now reported to be doing fine. This, coupled with the death of bass player Audie Pitre, has put some understandable stress on the band.

After the Shreveport show, the guys will be taking a little time off to recuperate, but will be once again taking to the road this summer. What that means for you is this—if you want to catch Acid Bath on tour, and you do, then you'd better have your butt at the Shreveport show!

Speaking of which, let's take care of all the details for the upcoming festivities in Shreveport. On Thursday, April 25 at the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium, ACID BATH will be headlining a show with none other than killer CROWBAR and the mighty, mighty FLOODGATE (Let us all give thanks and praise). And no, Estelle, you didn't read it wrong—ACID BATH, CROWBAR and FLOODGATE are really all going to be in the same place, at the same time, for the same show.

Now let's be sure you have it straight—for a measly $20, you get to see all three bands who'd each be worth the $20 by themselves. So maybe you'll have to skip a few meals, sell some plasma and scrounge for change beneath the Interstate—so what? That's a small price to pay. Besides, maybe you'll get lucky and "find" a credit card. Then you can charge your tickets by phone by calling 318.673.5104.

Let me try it from another angle. These are three of Louisiana's best bands (wait a minute, these ARE Louisiana's best bands), and this could be your one and only chance to catch 'em all at the same time.

This, my child, is your chance to be a part of history in the making. So forget about getting married, hitting the powerball, shaving your dog or whatever else it was that you were planning to do that night. Go see Acid Bath instead.

Geez, deep breath. Okay. Now that you've had a minute to let that seep into your skull, let's get to the issue at hand—the interview. I caught up with Acid Bath last month at Jimmy's in New Orleans, and this is what they had to say about everything from the loss of Audie to life on the road and why women everywhere think Joe the bass player is fine.



ACID BATH from l to r: Audie Pitre, Mike Sanchez, Sammy Pierre Duet, Jimmy Kyle, Dax Riggs. Pitre was killed in an automobile accident this January. ACID BATH's new bass player, "Joe, you fine," is not pictured.

WARNING: Some of you may be offended by some of the topics discussed in this week's interview. If you are, I apologize and take full responsibility for the contents; however, I will say that, as far as honesty goes, I got nothing from Acid Bath but the truth, and I stand by what I write. lesa

How do you feel, Joe, about being the newest edition to Acid Bath?

Joe: Under the circumstances, it's pretty fun. I'm enjoying it, but. . .[Sammy screams "All I gotta say is JOE, YOU FINE! And you can print that, too."]

Joe: And you're a clown. If I had a choice of playing in Acid Bath or bringing Audie back, I'd bring Audie back, but as far as playing in the band, I'm enjoying it. . . . Whenever I came in, I was told by a lot of people that the shoes that I was going to be filling were some awfully big shoes. I've known Audie for a long time and I know what Audie could do, and it's an understatement. I know how good he was.

How did ya'll choose Joe to pick up where Audie left off?

Sammy: The way we are, we wouldn't have wanted some stranger to come in. Honestly, we're a bunch of clowns. We don't take ourselves seriously. We like to kid and tell each other off, and not have somebody [mad] about it. Joe has been a friend of ours for a long time. He's got the vibe that fits with Acid Bath as far as the playing style, the sound, the whole nine yards. There's nobody else that I could think of that would fit better with us than Joe.

Acid Bath's sound has changed some just from "When the Kite String Pops" to "Pagan Terrorism Tactics." How will it be affected by having Joe?

Sammy: It's hard to tell. Me, Joe and Thomas [the keyboardist] were working on some stuff. It's going more like really old style Acid Bath, even before "When the Kite String Pops." It kinda has that vibe to it, which is great, which is what we want.

Joe: I want to keep a lot of the heavier songs. But I also like Dax and Mike's style, the bluesy Southern rock, like "Dead Girl" and stuff like that. I'd kinda just like to keep the format the way it is.

Dax, you have to be the most mellow individual I've ever met in my life. Then when you hit the stage, you explode. How do you get yourself from here to there?

Dax: I don't know, I guess I'm into it. It's like make-believe. I'm that kind of person, I enjoy it. I like fantasy, and I like to play.

How do you come up with the lyrics? I mean, on stage, you don't even talk between songs. You're like "Everything I have to say, I'll say through my songs, and that's it."

Dax: That's pretty much it. It's just rock and roll—Satanist rock and roll.

Do you mind if talk about that?

Sammy: What—the Satanism thing? I don't care.

So are you a Satanist or is it just for show?

Sammy: I'm not speaking for every member of Acid Bath, but personally, myself, yes—totally, fully, to the extent of everything.

What do you get out of it?

Sammy: Well, it's like, feeling no guilt. If I want to go out and drink, and wake up the next morning, I don't feel that bad about if I'm gonna go to hell because I drank, or whatever I want to do. It's feeling no remorse. If somebody does me wrong, I'll do them wrong ten fold. Satanism right now, everybody thinks it's a big horror show. But actually, the way I believe in Satanism, it's almost like borderline Self-ism.

I looked up stuff about it on the Internet and it seems to be mostly about personal responsibility. It's about the people who we hurt giving it right back to us instead of "turning the other cheek."

Sammy: Exactly. I mean, if somebody comes to you and punches you in the face for no reason, what would you do?

Punch 'em back.

Joe: In other words, you'd be a Satanist, too.

So following your belief system, what happens to the driver involved in the accident that claimed Audie's life?

Sammy: He'll have to face Audie: He'll have to face Audie, and that wrath would be something I wouldn't want to have anything to do with.

How are you guys dealing with Audie's death and getting through it?

Joe: Friends. Acid Bath is a family. When Acid Bath plays here or there, you're always gonna see some familiar faces, and those are like a big family. You've got everybody from different parts that are just real close and everybody just helps each other through, helps each other cope.

Now that things are really starting to pick up for you guys, do you think you've reached the level of success that you expected?

Sammy: I think it could get bigger, it's just a matter of exposure. I mean, I'm surprised that we even got this far. I can remember back in the days when we couldn't play in front of people that didn't hate us. And now it's finally coming. People are starting to accept us.

So how important is the crowd's reaction?

Sammy: Very. It's totally everything. Without that crowd reaction, you're nothing.

Mike: We're nothing if no one likes us. It's the people who make us.

What's the worst thing that's ever happened on the road?

Mike: I lost my pants.

Sammy: He woke up in his bunk with no pants.

Mike: I drank this generic NyQuil, and I remember smoking a cigarette and burning myself, and I put myself out. And then when I woke up. . . .I was like, 'Where's my pants, man, I'm naked!' I looked for hours for my pants, and they were under my pillow tucked nice and neat. That was the weirdest thing, because I just don't remember. I don't know if I was dancing in the bus naked or anything. That would be pretty embarrassing. You never know.

What do you guys get out of this. I mean all of this, the touring, the music, everything.

Sammy: This whole thing that we're in right now has been a dream for us since we were kids listening to KISS going 'I want to be that guy going around playing every night and people being there and cheering me on.' That's been a dream for all of us forever, and we're finally getting to where we want to be.

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Bantha, Handsome and Grip Inc. round out this week's coverage of the music scene

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

BANTHA
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Bantha's sound has a touch of grunge, a little punk, a dash of hip hop and who knows what else tossed into the mix for good measure. But whatever the recipe consists of, it works.

Bantha have enough groove to be danceable but with enough punch to not be wuss music. And they're plenty funky enough to hold their own against 311 any day.

But the thing that impresses me the most about Bantha is the crazy, all-over-the-place-yet-right-where-it-needs-to-be technique of drummer Rob Lloyd. Most drummers these days seem to be content just being the backbone of the rhythm section. All they want to do is back up the bass and keep a steady beat going. Judging from what I hear on "the finest of silks," that seems to be the least of Lloyd's concerns. Instead, the message he appears to be sending out is "catch me if you can"—and they can.

The overall disc has a raw sound, like the three went into the studio, played a live jam, left it at that and went out for a couple of beers. Rather than taking away from Bantha's sound, this rawness gives the music a double dose of energy and edge.

Listening to Bantha's "the finest of silks" reminds of either one of two things: watching a Speed Racer cartoon or going out to hear a band playing in a practice shed along the levee.

Bantha just seem like the kind of band that would invite all their friends over to watch cartoons, have a few beers and jam. Their sound is raw but refined, and they seem to be willing to try just about any style musically. And that, my friend, is a good thing.

HANDSOME
Epic Records/Sony Music

Handsome features members from Helmet and the Cro-Mags.

That, in itself, should be all I have to say. But for those of you who require ever more of my brilliant witticism to add sunshine to your dreary lives, I shall endeavor to add to the thought.

Okay, Handsome aren't a band to be taken lightly. As a matter of fact, they're even in the Top 25 most requested songs right here at our very own Demon 91.7 FM. (Okay, so maybe that's not exactly as prestigious as being in Billboard's Top 25, but I haven't checked. I'm sure they're in that, too.)

Of all the stuff that I've heard on the radio so far this year, Handsome is by far and wide the absolute best. I think they have enough edge to attract the "heavier" listeners, but they can still get the kind of radio airplay that's going to help them make it to the top.

Anyway, Handsome are currently on tour to support the self-titled release, and this is one of those shows that you just don't miss when it rolls through town. If their live show is even half as rockin' as the disc, I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

And even though Handsome don't quite qualify to be inducted into the "Hallowed Halls of Metaldom Fame," they come awfully close. At the very least, they definitely have enough fire to carry them through the doors—Handsome are far from weak.

Handsome's music has all the raging guitars that your heart could desire, but they don't keep the sound at a constant level of crush and destroy. They do, on occasion, bring it down to a war cry. So if you like harder edged music but you aren't quite willing to cross that line into Metal territory, then Handsome should be just the band you're looking for.

Besides, the Handsome disc comes with a free Multimedia portion that has band interviews, B-side music and some killer graphics. That right there should be enough to make you want to fork out the $15 for a copy.

GRIP INC.
NEMESIS
MetalBlade Records

Okay, let's get the obvious stuff out of the way—"GRIP INC. is the band created by none other than Dave Lombardo that used to be in Slayer." Next.

Well, maybe that sounds a bit harsh. It's just that I'm tired of hearing Dave Lombardo and Slayer still in the same sentence after all these years. So this is my message to all of Slayer's old fans, of which I, myself, am a member: Dave Lombardo and Slayer are no longer one in the same. He has since moved on, and so have they, and we now have two totally separate bands that play two totally different styles of music. (Yes, they're both hostile, but the similarities end there.)

NEMESIS is an excellent follow-up to "Power of Inner Strength." All the songs come across in the same heavy-duty, knock-your-grandma-down fashion that made us pay attention to GRIP INC. in the first place.

Hate your dorm-mate and want her to move out? Just start blasting GRIP INC. through the speakers and she'll be gone by morning. I guarantee it.

I recently had the opportunity to catch GRIP INC. at Jimmy's in New Orleans and they put on a hell of a show.

The guys came across as energetic and personable, and they actually seemed to be enjoying themselves in spite of the fact that turn out was a bit low. (My own opinion, the show didn't get enough promotion, but what the hell do I know?)

Point is, they got on stage and gave it everything they had as though they were playing in front of an arena full of people. And for that, they have my utmost respect.

Besides, I got the chance to meet the guys and outside of GWAR, GRIP INC. has to be the band that's going to stand out most in my mind.

Gus Chambers was funnier than three back to back episodes of "The Young Ones," and I will forever remember his story of meeting that Estefan and the Miami Machine chic.

I asked him what he thought of old Gloria and he said, "She was all right." What did she think of you? "Not much really." That rules.

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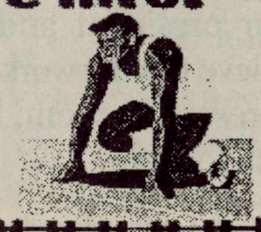
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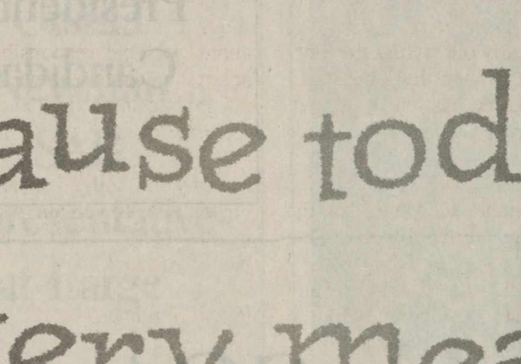
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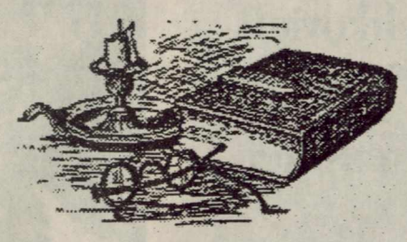
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The SGA has made progress in the past year, but now it's time to take the SGA and our commitment to a new level. To make this happen, change must be part of our future.

The SGA must become larger, more efficient, and more focused on the needs of the student. We have the experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm to provide commitment and change. Expect both in 1997!

Here at Northwestern we believe the students do come first. As your president and vice-president of the Student Government, we believe that by working together as a team, the student will have a voice representing them. To name a few of the things we would like to accomplish for you:

1. Get the referendum passed for the new NSU Wellness - IM Center.
2. Have the SGA office staffed five days a week, eight hours a day for the convenience of the student.
3. Begin a student outreach program to listen to the students concerns and opinions.
4. Begin a campus wide recycling campaign and beautification project. To include trash pick-up and picnic tables.
5. Hire a lawyer to give the NSU students free legal advice when needed.
6. Raise the standard of living in the dorm.
7. Provide more lighting on campus around Chaplin's Lake, the dorms, and the library.
8. Have parking lots resurfaced and repainted.
9. Begin a multicutural committee to reach the need of student minorities.
10. GAP - Government Assistance Program: A program allowing students to get active on their campus and plan weekend events.

These are a few of the goals that Alicia Thomas and Luke Dowden are working toward for the betterment of you the student.

Go out and vote for Thomas and Dowden for SGA President and Vice President, where experience is the key for success



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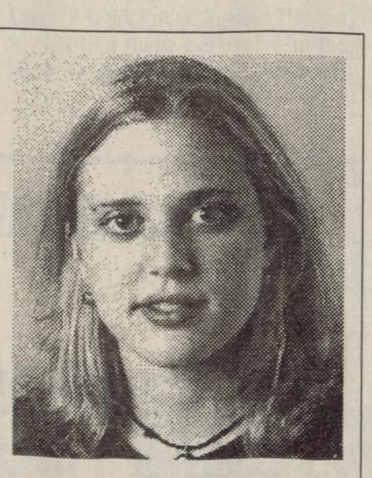


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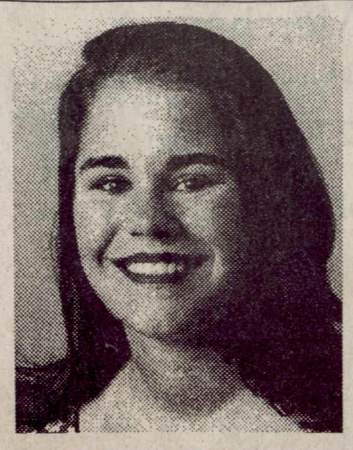


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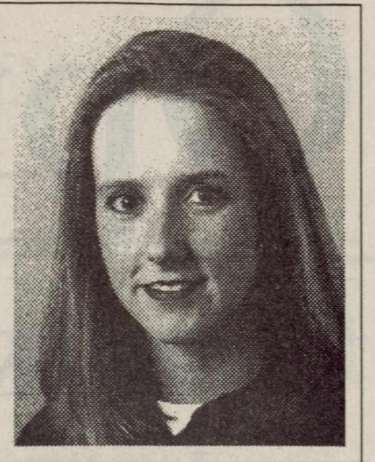
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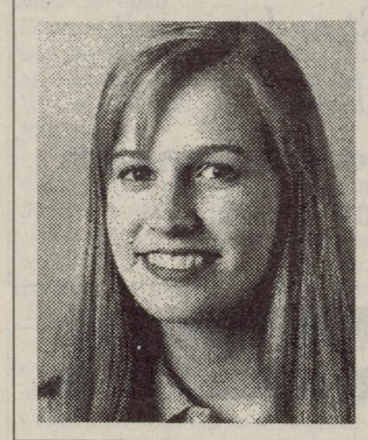




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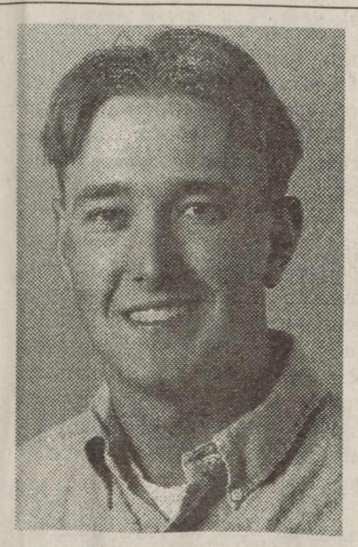


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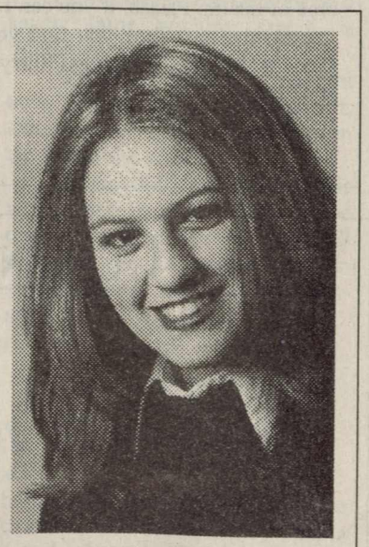
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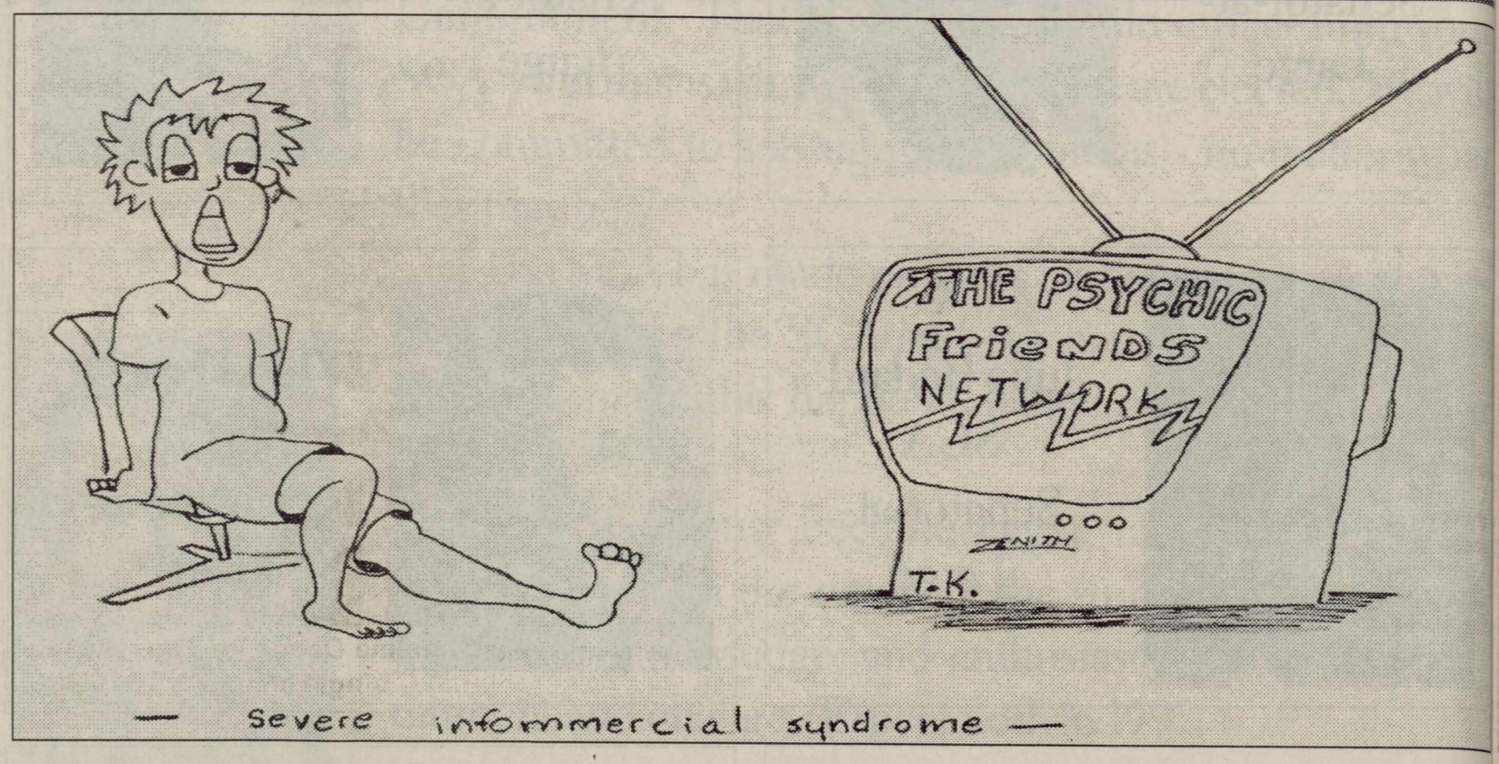


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Opinions

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Our View

Infomercials - who doesn't watch them?

You're sitting in your room late at night with nothing to occupy your time but the TV. You're not ready to "hit the sack" just yet so you begin your search for some quality entertainment to relieve the onset of pure boredom. As you flip from one channel to the next, you begin to flip faster and faster to find something, anything.

You soon realize that there is nothing of any value for your viewing pleasure. In a last frantic attempt to find a program to occupy your time, something catches your eye. You're not sure what you are watching or why you are watching it. The next time you look away from the mind-numbing program 30 minutes have past and you feel that your life had been wasted.

"If you watch television long enough at night you can find a multitude of products that will help you...."

Yes, this is an all too often occurrence. You have been watching an Infomercials. Don't be too hard on yourself, it happens to us all. The Infomercial was designed to prey on people when their mental state is the weakest- late at night.

They must have researched these areas. At night when you are exhausted your mind is more susceptible to their sales tactics. Or it could be that the Infomercial is so "cheeze" and poorly produced that they are ashamed to air them when the majority of the nation is watching TV.

If you watch television long enough at night you can find a multitude of products that will help you improve your weight, while you make more money, as you become more motivated, and you can find out your future as you protect your car from UV rays and road grime.

There is an Infomercial out there that will help with any problem known by mankind. I hear they are coming up with a infomercial that will solve world hunger. The host will be Gary Colemen with guest appearances from Ponchorela from the out- dated TV series "Chips."

You name the problem and I can find an infomercial that has the answer. Are you tired and overweight? Take a look at Susan Powers' infomercial. She can help. I know, weight is not your problem, money is. Tony Robins can help motivate you to increase your yearly income on his "30 minute nightmare."

Maybe you have plenty of money, with no weight problem, but you want to tone up, no problem. All you need to do is channel surf until you find Tony Little. This guy has enough energy to embarrass the Energizer Bunny. He will mold you into lean, mean, fast talking, epitome of health. Please, if you can't help yourself, he want be able to.

So the next time you find yourself in a boredom shutdown and there seems to be an endless flurry of infomercials and you don't know what to do.....

Read a book.

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SGA and election process taken far too seriously



The Bottom Line

Andrew Martin

Before I graduate, I am getting the privilege of witnessing yet another SGA presidential election.

This one is taking place in the same stern manner as the last three and I have finally had enough of watching the candidates as well as the SGA as a whole, take themselves too seriously.

In the past I have steered clear of the SGA and treated the whole thing (election process and all) as some sort of sacred cow.

I guess that it took me longer to become disenchanted with the SGA since it never does anything earth-shattering around here. Like they say, "out of sight out of mind."

Before I really get started, I do think that the SGA serves some purpose here. It provides leadership experience for students as well as giving students an opportunity to learn about the legislative process (writing and passing bills, etc.)

The work that the SGA does also results in the occasional improvement for campus life. Put all of this together and you get a minimally effective organization that fills a niche somewhere in the great scheme of things.

All of this being said, the SGA and the SGA election process are taken far too seriously.

Take a look at some of the campaign literature. The platforms spell out things like a desire to make the SGA "larger."

Larger? What is going on with that? The national government has done nothing but grow over the past two hundred years and has it become more effective? The answer is a resounding "no."

The other platform makes a list of goals to be accomplished in the next y ear that are about as realistic as me sitting down and saying: In the next year I will become a CEO of a major corporation, sail around the world, buy my own jet, cure cancer, save the environment and end world hunger.

C'mon. I hope that these platforms aren't trying to fool anyone. The SGA has never had enough clout to accomplish such ambitious goals.

The platforms make it look as if the SGA will be passing bills on the level of Roosevelt's New Deal legislation. I can see it now, the Northwestern Valley Authority courtesy of the Student Government Association.

Students on campus are just as prone to take all of this as seriously as the candidates. The election is always a big hullabaloo and the issues are always hashed and rehashed yet most people end up voting on who they know or who they have some kind of organizational tie with.

As I sit here writing this, someone just called the *Current Sauce* office with some unsubstantiated swill regarding last night's "big debate" and news of an angry mob outside of Studio A.

People around here are very quick to spring into action when they think that they might have a chance to crucify someone and maybe in the process turn the tide of the election.

Gimme a break.

Give it a rest. The SGA will never be able to do what it promises and with that in mind, all persons involved with the SGA and the election process need to just LIGHTEN UP.

Student emphasizes importance of upcoming SAB, SGA elections

Guest Columnist

Larry Ellis

By the time we start college, most of us have at least a fair sense of what our issues are, yet one of your essential tasks during college is to be able to become more conscious, articulate and aware of the issues.

Students usually find the college years to be a time for locating and testing the issues by becoming involved in professional organizations, service organizations, fraternities, and sororities. Perhaps, the best way to learn the issues is by tracing their full implication through comparison with those of other people, by analyzing, and giving voice to them.

This week will be a very important week for NSU students. Students will be voting for their leaders for the next two semesters. These leaders will have to be self empowered and motivated to bring leadership to a different level. Northwestern is in need of strong leaders who will meet the needs of all students; regardless of race, social-economic status, religious and sexual orientation. This election has candidates for SAB-Representatives, SGASenators, SGA-Treasurer, and SGA-President/Vice President.

All of these officers are essential to the running of the Student Activities Board and the Student Government Association, but the office of President and Vice President must be met by the individuals with the burning desire to attack the issues here at NSU.

In the running for President/Vice President are Alicia Thomas/Luke Dowden vs. Andrew Kolb/Emily Tracy.

I am Freshman Senator on Student Government here at NSU.

I felt a great need to explain the issues and the process of elections. On Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday April 17 elections will be held in the Student Union. That's right, in the Student Union.

In the past, elections were held in Iberville on the first day and in the Student Union the second day.

I am outraged because this discriminates against freshmen, athletes and everyone else who dines at Iberville. On April 6 my fellow senators took it upon themselves to make a new precedent and hold the elections at the Student Union on both days.

One election board member said "We'd rather have 500 legitimate votes than have 2000 illegitimate votes." He went on the say that if they really want to vote, they will come to the Union.

I asked the question, Is every vote at Iberville illegitimate or can the election board trust themselves not to stuff the box when moving it from Iberville to the Student Union.

As the freshman senator, I feel that this is discrimination of class not race. Who are they to decide which vote is illegitimate. Every full-time student has the right to vote for all student races held at NSU.

Unlike my colleagues, I feel that voting is a not complex task yet it is simple. The place to begin is not with some complex theories, but with the actual issues that affect all students here at NSU. What kind of precedent is the election board trying to set by not making the elections accessible to all students? The vast majority of these students live in Rapides and Sabine dormitories and not only do they pay tuition, but they also pay room and board.

If anyone should have a say about who will be the next leaders, it should be dormitory residents. Not only do they have to endure everyday problems, they also have to endure dormitories with roaches, rats, leaks in cooling systems, burglaries and loud music.

So, hey, get out there and vote for the candidates that value the issues.

I know who I am voting for but I'd rather not say. Lets just say, my candidates for the office of president/vice president are dedicated to raising the standard of living in the dormitories, providing services on campus, and making communities which are well thought after and not farfetched. These candidates have the experience to make each student voice be heard.

Letter to the Editor

Student concerned about the use of the track

Dear Editor:

My roommate and I recently went to the track and discovered something that has become all too common: the track was closed. What we want to know is - Why? It was a nice morning (no rain or other bad weather), so there was no reason to close it because of the weather. No track teams were using it for practice or competition either. It was just there, not being used. It isn't fair that we pay student fees for a facility that isn't available to us on a regular basis. What are people afraid of? Vandalism? If someone really wanted to vandalize the track, nothing would stop him from climbing the fence. This issue is beside the point. The real issue here is freedom - freedom to use the track when it is convenient for us, not according to someone else's schedule.

There are solutions to this problem. If there's a track meet, close it. That's fine. We don't want to get run over. But immediately after the meet is over, open it. You've had your time, now give us ours. If you're afraid of vandalism, why not install an ID scanner on the gates, similar to the ones we have in the dorm's? Vandals will be less likely to cause trouble if they have security measures to deal with.

We want our track back. We want it in the morning so that we can be wide awake for our classes. We want it in the afternoon and evening so that we can unwind and get a good night's sleep. This situation needs to change before students transfer to another school where they really do come first.

Sincerely,

Holly Morat

Sports

Lady Demon tennis team to host 1997 SLC tournament

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Lady Demons hope to make a strong push to finish either second or third in the championships as Northeast has all but run away with the championship in the "ludicrous" point standings that the Conference uses to determine their champion.

The Lady Demons will have three former champions playing this week in the SLC championships. Ljudmila Pavlov who won in 1994 at the No. 1 position, and made it to the finals last year at the SLC championships in Monroe is favored to be in the finals again this year.

Christine Dodge is another Lady Demon who won in at the SLC championships in 1994. Dodge won at the No. 6 position in her sophomore year as a Lady Demon.

Dodge made it to the semi-finals last year at the championships in the No. 3 position and will try to win it all this year at the same position.

Jelena Lukic' is the last of the Lady Demons SLC champions as she won last year at the championships in the No. 4 position and will be favored to do so this year as well.

This has been a good year for the Lady Demon netters as they rebounded from a disastrous season last year when their players started dropping like flys due to injuries.

They rebounded in the end however, and finished strong to finish fifth in Southland Conference. They will improve this year as they could finish as high second in the SLC and do no worse then fourth this year if everything falls in place for the Ladies who finished the season 10-4 overall and 7-2 in the SLC.

Other Lady Demons in the tournament are two freshman Merlin Prezens and Marta Zivanov and Kourtney Kentzel. Zivanov who is from Belgrade, Yugoslavia is favored to reach the finals.



Christine Dodge was the 1994 no. 6 SLC single champ. file photo

Zivanov was somewhat of a surprise this year continuing in the long line of outstanding players that Coach Willie Paz has recruited from Yugoslavia.

She is expected to compete for a place in the singles finals on Sunday in the No. 2 position and also in the No. 1 doubles position as well teaming up with Pavlov. Zivanov will play at the No. 5 position.

Kourtney Kentzel hopes to improve on her quarterfinal showing in the No. 6 position. The former walk-on has shown a lot of improvement over last year and hopes to make a push to the semi-finals or finals this year.

This will be a fun tournament to watch as Nicholls State has one of the top players in the country in their No. 1 singles player Romana Tedjakusuma.

Tedjakusuma is ranked in the top 40 of all college tennis players in the country. Also Sandy Hole of Northeast will challenge for the title of "Number One Singles" player in the conference.

So come out and join the fun this weekend as the ladies try to win individual titles in the SLC championships this weekend.

You are guaranteed to get a good tan and at the same time watch

Demons break nine game win streak against McNeese; still holding SLC first place

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

Northwestern Baseball broke their 9- game winning streak in a one out of three game loss against McNeese in Lake Charles last weekend, but still remain first in the Southland Conference.

The Demons played USL in a non-conference game last Tuesday in Abbeville, sweeping the Ragin' Cajuns 21-4 at Ralph Sellars Field.

Eight home runs were hit, three by junior Brent Fenster. The Demons had 25 hits while the Cajuns were able to manage only seven in the game.

"I was really impressed with the way we hit the ball tonight," head coach Dave Van Horn said. "We hit extremely well throughout the lineup."

Fenster who led the Demons with eight RBIs, crushed his first homer, a three run blast to lead the Demons to a 5-0 first inning advantage.

Less than 24 hours after a 21-4 slaughter of 18th-ranked Southwestern Louisiana, red-hot Northwestern State posted its seventh straight win Wednesday by blasting Louisiana College 16-5 as Fenster picked up his fourth homer in two games.

The Demons cracked three homers against the Wildcats, breaking open a close game with a six-run sixth inning.

Catcher Scott Ray drilled a two-run homer and Fred Ortega contributed a sacrifice fly in the uprising which gave the Demons the advantage. The Demons had seven players with at least two hits, while Louisiana College dropped to 12-21.

The Demons then visited the McNeese Cowboys last weekend in Lake Charles for a three game Conference series.

Saturday the Demons made a two game sweep in the double header beating the Cowboys 9-1 in game one and 9-4 in game two.

The winning streak was broken Sunday when the Demons gave McNeese the win 5-1.

Northwestern will play again tonight against East Texas Baptist at 6 p.m. at Brown Stroud Field and turn around and play Arkansas-Little Rock in Little Rock Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The Demons will return home this weekend for conference games against Nicholls State. The Demon double-header will start at noon Saturday at Brown-Stroud Field and then again Sunday at 1p.m.



Misty Carraway, No. 19, is congratulated by her teammates after her homerun against Nicholls last Saturday. courtesy of NSU News Bureau

Demon softball score important wins over Nicholls State; take two out of three games

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Lady Demon softball team continued its hot streak, shocking highly regarded and defending Southland Conference champs Nicholls State this past weekend by taking two out of three from them this past weekend.

Misty Carraway led the Demon charge in the first game as the women came back from a 4-0 deficit in the 5th inning with a 6 run outburst highlighted by Carraways three run blast that gave the Lady Demons the victory 6-4 in game one. Brandy Kenny added two RBI's in the win and Jennefer Owens got the win in a gutty pitching performance.

In the second game freshman catcher Shannon Straty hit a three run homer to give the Lady Demons all the cushion they needed in a 3-1 victory.

Amber Welker picked up the win and pitched a great game.

On Sunday the women were at it again looking for a sweep. The game was tied 1-1 in the bottom of the seventh, and the Lady Demons had the bases loaded with 2 outs. Becca Allen however, was denied as she hit a towering shot close to the fence that was caught by the Nicholls centerfielder. Nicholls then came back and won the game 3-1 when they got a two run homer in the ninth to deny the Lady Demons the joy of a sweep.

With the wins the Lady Demons were able to even their Southland conference record to 9-9 and they are 18-25 overall on the season. They will play Southeastern this week at Lady Demon field on Thursday and then take the weekend off. Lets hope they continue their hot play as they are getting in gear for the Southland Conference Softball championships in Monroe in May.

Hewes wins Southland Conference award

Don Harper
Staff reporter

Robert Hewes a 21-year-old senior criminal justice major, and Demon second baseman was honored with two awards.

Hewes was awared the titles of Louisiana Sports Writer's Athlete of the week and Southland Conference Player of the Week awards for the week of April 8.

"This is great for Robert and for Northwestern," Coach Van Horn said.

"It has been two years since we have had a baseball player chosen as athlete of the week."

Hewes a member of the Demon baseball team put up some serious statistics going 12 for 14 batting 857 for the week. This bettered his average 63 points to a very respectable 341.

Throughout his week of terror Hewes included a triple, a home run, three RBIs, two stolen bases, and four runs scored.

Hewes now leads the team in hitting average, runs scored, hits, on base percentage, and stolen bases. He is third in RBIs, third in slugging percentage, and fourth in home runs. "He has been hitting well and that is what we need from our lead off batter," Van Horn said.

Hewes has led the Demons on a seven game winning streak, a Southland conference record

"I hope we aren't peaking right now," Hewes said. "If we aren't, there is a lot to look forward to in the rest of the season."

Hewes said when asked if this would increase his chances to be drafted by a professional baseball team. "I want to graduate and do something with my degree in forensics."

Hockey made easy for anyone? A hockey tutorial given by the Fan

Just a Fan

Don Harper

As a transplanted Yankee into the land where the Civil War seems to just be on hold until the Rebs regroup, I find it my obligation to try and educate the fine people of the South on the rules and play of a sport that has made great leaps in it's expansion and acceptance in the south, HOCKEY.

I'm going to steal a line here and say that in the 90s you might be a redneck if... you think hockey is equine excrement.

Hockey has become a national accepted sport since ESPN brought it to national television in the late eighties with National Hockey Night. Since this time hockey has moved up in it's ratings and fan support and if you look around you will probably find a teenager with a hockey sweater on. That is the proper term for the jersey is sweater. That will be our first lesson. Good job, everybody passed with flying colors.

I am going to take this from the beginning so this might move slow for those that are more avid hockey fans. Hockey is played on ICE and the ice is 8 to twelve inches thick and rounded at the corners. For those of you who might have this question roaming around in your giant brains, yes, thisi is real ice and yes, it is cold. The machine that you see between periods smoothing the grooves in the ice is call a Zamboni. Named after it's inventor.

Now, to the rules. The game is played with five skaters and a goalie. When both teams have all five player on the ice, the teams are at full strength. The game is played in three, 20 minute periods with two 10 minute intermissions. (time to get the Zamboni out and give the teams a breather)

The rink, or as I will refer to from here on, the ICE is divided into only three sections but with three major lines. You have an attack zone on either side, designated by the thick blue lines and the neutral zone in the middle which is split by a thick red line. The splitting of the neutral zone will be explained later. The only other marked off area on the ice is the CREASE. This is the painted blue area in front of the goal to protect the goalie. A player may not touch the puck or the goalie when either is in the crease. But the goalie is free game when he is out of the crease and will occasionally get slobber-knocked.

Let's talk penalties for a moment. There are many penalties called in the course of a game but the most frequent are cross checking (checking from behind), fighting (hitting each other with fists), tripping (putting ones stick out to knock the other guy down), interference (running into the goalie), charging (running into a player with intent to injure), slashing (slapping your opponent with the stick), high sticking (hitting the puck with your stick when your stick is higher than the crossbar of the goal). These are just a few.

Penalties in the game of hockey don't get marked off by yards and are not called by throwing a yellow flag in to the air. Penalties are assessed to a team by placing the offender ever so gently into the PENALTY BOX. For a MINOR PENALTY like cross checking or slashing the player will only have to sit for two minutes. For fighting or for any penalty committed with the intent to injure you will get a major penalty for five minutes.

When a player is put into the penalty box the other team now has more players on the ice. When this happens it is called a POWER PLAY. Say it with me now, POWER PLAY. Very good. The team with only four players on the ice is considered SHORT HANDED. Not a hard concept, huh.

That brings me to something I have passed by, the PUCK. The puck is four inches in diameter by 1 inch thick and is made of hard rubber and hurts like the dickens when it hits you. Especially when some of the pros can shoot upwards of 100 miles per hour.

Now to the most frequently call infractions that nobody seems to be able to understand OFFSIDE and ICING. The game moves much faster than any other sport and sometimes cannot be seen by the TV audience as it is happening so this is what to look for when these infractions are called.

Icing, the puck cannot cross two lines before being touched by another player of the same team. This is why the neutral zone is divided to add skill to the game.

Offside, the puck must cross the blue line into the attack zone before any member of the offensive team. These are two very simple rules but because the game moves so fast they are often hard to see and understand.

My editor is hard on my case to stop writing so the next time you watch a hockey game and something happens and you don't know what it was blame it on Kenn Posey. The sports editor of the *Sauce*.

I wrote all of this to promote the minor league hockey team coming to Shreveport. If you have the chance to see a hockey game you may never go back to another sport.

If you have comments or questions about this column you can e-mail me at nshar0968@aplha.nsula.edu. Please keep the comments coming so I may better serve you, the fans of The Fan.

Winner—some one who gives all they have to give, win or lose, regardless of the score, and earns the respect of their opponent in the process.

Features

Tatooing and piercings rapidly becoming an accepted part of college culture, expression

Catherine Gill
Staff reporter

Tattooing and body piercing are forms of expressionism that have been in existence since the early ages. In many cultures body piercing and tattooing are an ordinary occurrence.

The Samoans used tatoos and body piercing as a means of self-adornment. Bikers, musicians and other walks of life tend to get tattooed as a means of identification.

However, currently students of all races, ages, and even religions are expressing themselves with the latest fad.

Caroline Bolter, freshman, has had her tongue and nose pierced. When asked why she desired to get her body pierced, she responded, "It was something I have always wanted to do and I finally got the guts."

When Bolter got her nose pierced "it hurt, it made my eyes water, however, the pain went away within a day," she said. On the other hand, the tongue piercing did not hurt at all when pierced.

What did Bolter's friends and family think? "My parents did not really like it—either one of them. My friends back home liked at least. My boyfriend really liked it. A lot of friends thought it hurt."

Michael Arnaud, junior and English major, has experienced both tatoos and body piercing. His tattoo, an abstract drawing that he designed himself, "hurt quite a bit," Arnaud says. "That was probably because of its location. It was over my spine where a big gathering of nerves are, so it was rather painful."

Arnaud's mother did not know that her son was going to get a tattoo. However, the response was not of surprise. "I came home and showed it (the tattoo) to her and she liked it. Being in college broke her in to a lot of things so she wasn't really surprised," Arnaud explains.

Arnaud goes on to say, "People ask why I got an abstract design. Pictures look kind of cartoonish. I wanted something I wouldn't regret having."

How much do tattoos and body piercing cost and where can they be done? Arnaud said that his tattoo was $70 while Bolter's body piercing was $35 for the nose and $45 for the tongue. The ring was included in the cost.

In response to where body piercing and tattooing can be done, Bolter responds, "There's nothing in Natchitoches. I got mine done at Revelation Ink in Baton Rouge." Arnaud says, "I got mine done in Lafayette at a place called Euphoria."

There are many different responses to the topic of body piercing and tattoos.

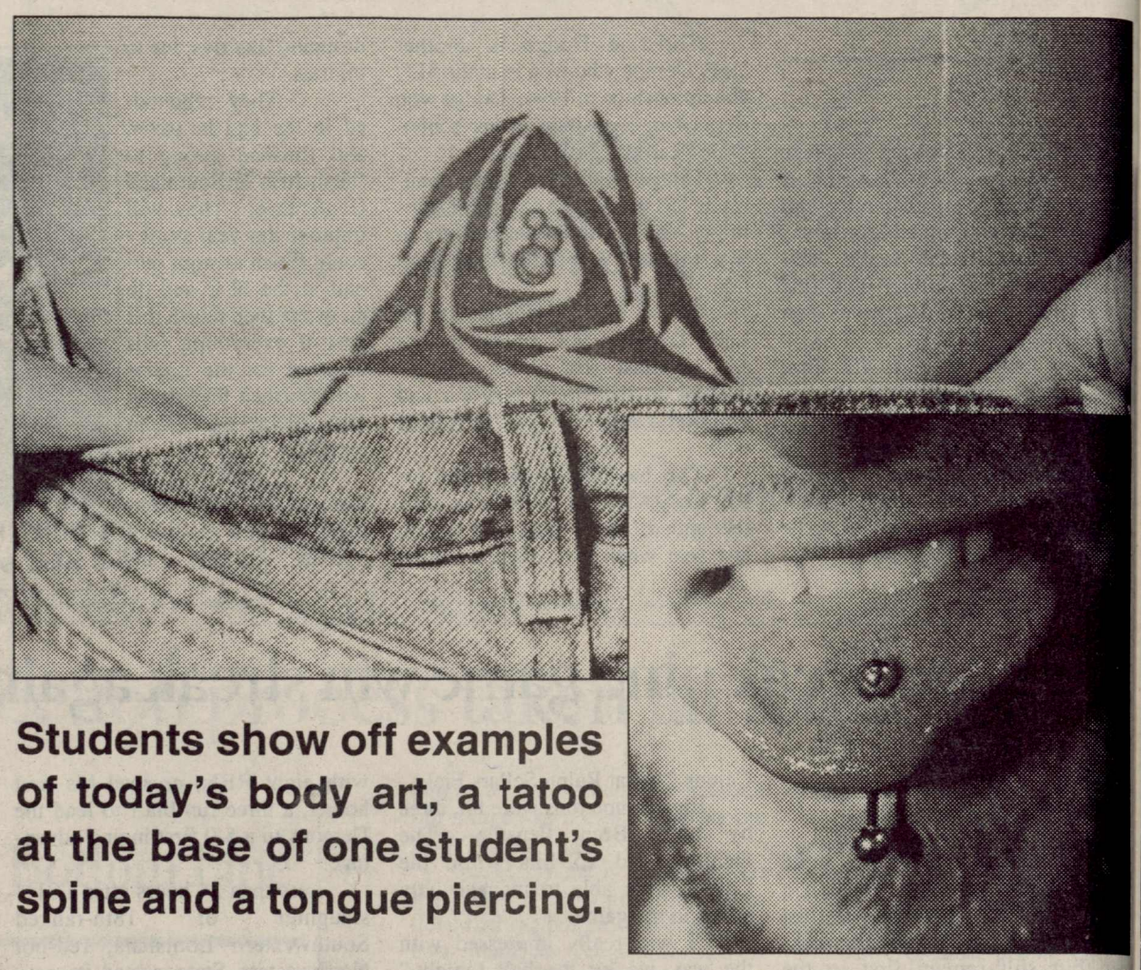
Betsy Corley, a freshman secondary education major, says, "Small numbers of piercing is OK but some people get carried away with it and it makes them look trashy."

April Burris, freshman Psychology major, responds, "I'm not saying it's wrong but I don't understand why they would do that to their body."

"Tattoos are fine as long as you don't over do it like Dennis Rodman," Mark Gibson, senior said.

While tattooing and body piercing are referred to as vulgar by some, it is considered body art by others. Bobby Carney, a sophomore political science and journalism major, reminds students, "Tattoos are for life—you can't just take them off."

Bolter points out, "The big thing about body piercing is that you have to keep it clean."



Students show off examples of today's body art, a tatoo at the base of one student's spine and a tongue piercing.

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Last week's KC and the Sunshine Band concert draws praise despite some problems

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

KC and the Sunshine Band, What can I say?

As someone who really doesn't get into 70s music - since I wasn't alive the first time it came around - I may have gone to the SAB spring concert with the wrong attitude. The concert was free, I didn't have anything else to do, and I thought it might be fun to see a 70s legend in concert.

And it was fun.

My friends and I sat in the stands, away from the people crowding the stage. We sang along with the songs we knew, watched the crowd, and watched KC put on a show. The show wasn't bad. The music was good, but KC needs to realize that he isn't a kid anymore. Women weren't going to fall at his feet.

I also didn't appreciate seeing KC doing moves Michael Jackson made famous. His spins and dance moves worried me. (My first thought was that he would fall and hurt himself. My next thought was - what a good story that would make.)

The biggest complaint from everyone I talked to about the concert, was that KC's songs were too long. They just don't seem to last that long when you are listening to them on the radio. The shortest song must have lasted about 10 minutes.

But I guess on the whole, the concert could be considered a success. I enjoyed myself for most of the three hours I sat in Prather. And the SAB was satisfied because over 1,000 students picked up their tickets for the concert and the crowd last Thursday was about 2,000.





KC in performance last Thursday night in Prather Coliseum. Roughly 2,000 students attended the concert.

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Dorm Room Rate Increase Fall 1997

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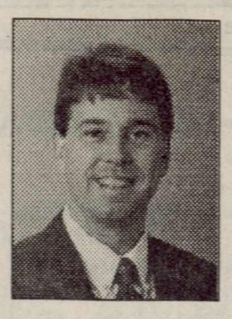


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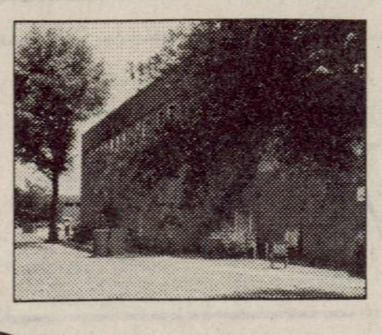
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Fate of new rec facility still undecided following Newman's departure; see page 2 for details

Thomas, Dowden elected 97-98 SGA leaders; less than 700 students vote

Catherine Gill
Staff Reporter

Less than 700 votes were cast in the Student Government Association and Student Activities Board elections held last week.

Results of the election consisted of a win for Alicia Thomas and Luke Dowden for SGA President and Vice President. Their opponents were Andrew Kolb and Emily Tracy.

As President of the SGA, Alicia Thomas will be responsible for making all appointments to the SGA, serving as the official representative of the SGA, vetoing any legislation she feels will not be in the best interest of the student body, and calling special meetings of the Student Senate when she deems necessary.

Dowden will be responsible for overseeing all student body elections, as well as all of the departments of the SGA. He will also fulfill the duties of Thomas when she is unable to do so. Dowden will preside over SGA meetings when the Speaker of the Senate is not able to.

Thomas and Dowden's goals as President and Vice President are to pass the referendum for the new Wellness/IM Center, begin a freshmen advisory council to get freshmen involved in campus activities and to plan weekend events, begin a recycling and beautification program for NSU, hire a lawyer to give students free legal advice, raise the standard of living in dormitories, provide better and more lighting around campus, have parking lots resurfaced and repainted, and last but not least, begin a multicultural committee to reach the needs of campus minorities.

"I'm excited and yet humbled because I know what a great responsibility this is and now I can fulfill all the duties that I have promised to," Thomas said. "I can now get done everything I've wanted to get done in the past to better Northwestern and its students."

SGA Senators-at-Large were also elected.

Fifteen students ran for the position with fifteen students gaining the title.

The new senators are: Heather Barr, Julie Bedard, Brandon Bernard, Alyson Courtney, Michelle Craig, Todd Froebe, Korey Keith, Kourtney Kentzel, Anne Labbe, Jeremy LaCombe, Erin Long, Melinda Loyacano, Sandy Schmieder, Lucas Shaw and Todd Wallace.

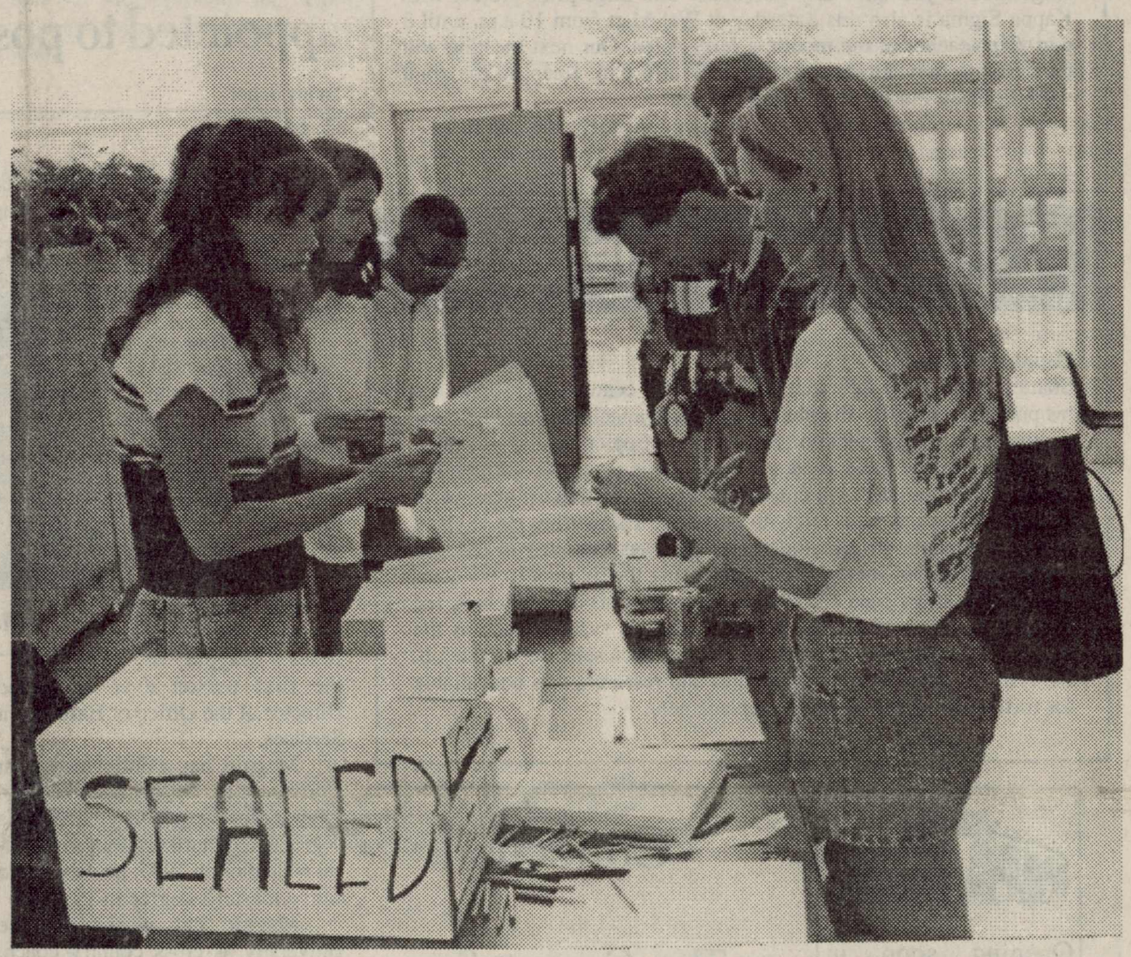
The duties of the Senate are: to pass and carry through legislation that will benefit the student body and better the environment of NSU as it affects their constituency, to recognize and act in accordance to any properly submitted petition from the student body, and to approve all expenditures in excess of $100, not mentioned in the official SGA budget.

Melinda Loyacono, newly elected Senator-at-Large, said, "I was a senator last year and I'm really glad I will be able to continue writing bills that will improve the campus for the students."

Bonnie Mikovich will take the position as Treasurer since there was no opposition in the election. Her duties will be to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Finance, to pay out money as appropriated by the Student Senate, and to prepare and present a typed report of the expenditures and financial standing of the SGA to the Student Senate.

Results of the Student Activities Board elections were Ursula Newman, Heather Gros, Jason Anderson, Tammy Bordelon, Jeff Jones, and James Small obtaining the position as Representative-at-Large. Andrea Lemoine was appointed as head of public relations and advertising while Roshanda Johnson was appointed as Lady of the Bracelet chairman.

Elections this year were held in the Student Union compared to last year's elections held in Iberville and Student Union. The reason for the moving of the election site is because of a vote by the election board. The election board decided that elections should be done in one place to allow a smoother election process.



Students cast their votes in last week's SGA/SAB elections. Only 698 students voted in this year's election.

photo by Steve Evans

Spring Fling activities and concert considered success by SAB officials

Sally Fralia
Contributing writer

Northwestern State University wrapped up its annual Spring Fling activities last Thursday after one of the most successful runs in recent years.

NSU's Spring Fling is sponsored by the Student Activities Board and took place April 7-17. Tait Martin, SAB president, said this year's Spring Fling ran late in the school year and was the first year activities ran for two weeks.

The purpose of Spring Fling is to revive student interest in what's going on around campus before finals and summer vacation. The activities are always free to NSU students with I.D.

"We pride ourselves on being able to offer these activities at no extra charge," said Martin. "We feel that the students have already paid for these through student fees."

This year's activities ranged from smaller acts such as a balloon artist to larger ones like the KC and the Sunshine Band concert. The concert was the most successful of all the activities with approximately 2,000 students attending.

The SAB has learned from past experiences as well as the most recent Spring Fling that you can not please every student at NSU.

"These activities are not made up on a whim and they come from student ideas and student feedback,"said Martin.

"Ninety-five percent of the activities the SAB sponsors comes from students, and our mission is to provide the entertainment," said Martin. Informal surveys were taken by the SAB last year in order to help determine the 1997 Spring Fling concert, and over 70 percent of students wanted the board to try to bring a 1970's retro band to NSU.

The SAB is already busy planning for activities like next year's Lady of the Bracelet Pageant, homecoming festivities, and even the 1998 Spring Fling.

All students are encouraged by the SAB to share their ideas by either phoning their office or attending the weekly Monday meetings in room 241 of the Student Union at 8:30 p.m.

Local television station falsely reports student's arrest on drug charges

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

A Saturday night traffic stop led to false television news reports that an NSU student had been arrested on drug charges.

Journalism major Carroll DeMas was pulled over by Natchitoches City Police Saturday night on his way home from work at Maggio's. DeMas said he was given a DWI test, which he passed, and then consented to having his vehicle searched.

"They pulled me over because they suspected me of drunken driving," DeMas said. "Then some officers asked me to go down to the station to ask me some questions, so I did. But I was never arrested—there were never any charges filed against me."

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Soaking up some sun on Chaplain's Lake



Northwestern students Miranda Post and Hope Tilley enjoy the sun and 80 degree temperature at Chaplain's Lake on Monday.

photo by Steve Evans

Sigma Nu Colony to receive charter May 4; members thank Interfraternity Council for support

David E. Sullivan
Contributing writer

"We started out as a group of friends and now we're about to be a chartered fraternity," Rob Theriot a sophomore political science major and Sigma Nu Colony president said.

The brothers of Sigma Nu all share the same enthusiasm because they are scheduled to receive their charter on May 4.

"Our High Council decided this past Fall after sending down a representative that we are worthy," Theriot said.

The ceremony will be May 4 and the time is to be announced.

"We have 12 active members right now and 24 will be initiating in May, " Theriot said. Sigma Nu will also be participating in Formal Rush next Fall and is involved in the Interfraternity Council.

"We owe a lot of appreciation to Hank Thomas of the IFC and Reatha Cox, the Greek adviser," Theriot said. "Reatha was helpful from the very start and Hank jumped right in and taught us everything we needed to know about forming a fraternity and getting involved with the IFC."

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> -Rob Theriot

Sigma Nu was founded last spring when Rapides dormitory residents, Skip Ellender, John Reed, Paul Rome and Gino Mastropieroo, who all lived on the same hallway , got to know each other and decided they had so much in common they should form an official Greek colony.

At first they named their colony Sigma Xi and then switched their name the next Fall after deciding that Sigma Nu was the fraternity they wanted to be members of.

"We just want to do our own thing and we respect everyone else who does their own thing," Theriot said, in regards to their athlete/fraternity concept.

"We basically want to be a fraternity that encourages varsity members to join," Theriot said. "Many sports teams members are hesitant to join a fraternity because they don't want it to clash with their crew, but we aren't going to do that."

The original Sigma Nu Fraternity chapter was formed at the Virginia Military Institution in 1869.

"Its main purpose was to take a stand against hazing and we also take an active stand against hazing," Theriot said.

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Campus Connections

Alpha Lambda Delta
Officer elections will be held on April 23 at 8 p.m. on the third floor of the Student Union. All members please attend. If you have any questions, please call 357-4309.

Delta Sigma Theate: Iota Mu events
April 10 social in the Red Room 10 p.m. - until; April 12 carwash 9 a.m.; April 30 poetry reading (if interested contact Shameka Dukes at 354-0923); May 9 and May 10 softball tournament (if interested contact Remesa Brown at 352-6467); People interested in talent show/Lip Sync contest should call Michelle Lee at 356-9549.

Phi Mu Fraternity
Wear your formal shirt on Wednesday. The Senior Prom is Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Try to be there from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. for the primp party. We will also be having our Bedrock exchange with Sigma Nu at the Rec Complex from 9 p.m. until 12 a.m. on Wednesday. Dress up like your favorite Flinstone character. Yes, even Dino. The Walk-a-thon is this Saturday. Get in touch with Angelique if you have any questions. The fingerprint project with Kappa Sigma is also this Saturday at Wal-Mart from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Our teacher of the month is Jerry Allen. Our next meeting will be a chapter development on April 27 at 6 p.m. Keep up the good work Phi Mu. Phi Mu Ladies are the best!

Campus Briefs

Hippler Resigned
Stanley Hippler, the director of the computer center, will resign from his position April 30. His plans for the future include working in the computer or communications industry. Hippler is a graduate of Northwestern and has earned a B.S. degree in computer information systems. Hippler has been employed at Northwestern for nearly five years and feels that he is ready to move on. Hippler has made many accomplishments through the years. He was involved in the networking of the university and helped bring the internet to the campus. He has often been involved in projects of his own that have led to the promotion of student access to various systems such as the internet. According to Hippler, no one has been selected for the job. Dr. Hanson, dean of graduate studies and research, was unavailable for further information about a replacement.

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Correction:

The Current Sauce incorrectly identified Alicia Thomas as Alicia Holland in a picture on last week's front page. We are sorry for any confusion that this may have caused.

Bruscato takes over Rec. Sports following Newman's sudden departure

Sean Woods
Contributing writer

On April 1, Scott D. Bruscato was appointed acting director of the Recreational Sports Department after the sudden departure of Gene Newman.

Newman was the director of the program for 12 years before he left last month.

A decision has not yet been made as to who will replace Newman, Bruscato said. It is not known if the position is being advertised.

Fred Fulton, vice president of student affairs was unavailable for comment about the job opening. By law, though the position must be advertised for availability.

"Although we're losing some man power, we have handled everything just fine," Bruscato said. "We have got good workers, supervisors,and graduate students."

Newman's leaving did not come at a bad time, because Bruscato had already been planning the last several intramural events prior to Newman's departure.

After 12 years of working at Northwestern, Newman had an opportunity to make a higher climb in his career, Bruscato said, and took he took a job as the executive assistant to the president at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe.

As for the plans for a new recreational building, nothing definite has been decided. Newman had began making plans for funding and design before he left. Bruscato saidthat there is something in the works and the facility will ultimately be approved by the student body. At other campuses, the approval rate for a building like this is usually about 90 percent in favor of it.

Even though there would be a slight increase in assessment fees, Bruscato said students would probably get a place with better weight room equipment and separate areas for activities such as basketball and aerobics.

Maggio promoted to Director of Enrollment Services; first person appointed to position

Sandy Baber
Contributing writer

Chris Maggio, director of Admissions and Recruiting, has been promoted to Director of Enrollment Services.

The Office of Enrollment Services consists of the offices of Admissions and Recruiting, directed by Maggio; Financial Aid, directed by Gill Gillson, and New Student Programs, directed by Gail Jones. Maggio is the first person ever appointed Director of the Office of Enrollment Services.

Maggio has a long history at Northwestern, starting back in 1985. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Northwestern in physical education in 1985, he went on to earn a master's degree in 1990.

Maggio has worked at the University as cross country coach, director of Admissions and Recruiting, and now director of the Office of Enrollment Services.

Maggio has "demonstrated the ability to work with different populations at the university," Fred Fulton, vice president of student affairs said.


Maggio

Maggio is looking forward to working more closely with the other directors. "We have some outstanding directors in this field and this will allow us to work more closely," says Maggio.

Maggio is pleased with his new position, but regrets that he will not be able to have as much interaction with the students. Maggio realizes his new responsibilities will require him to work more with the other directors, so he will not have as much free time to spend with students.

This will be a challenge for Maggio, but he is ready for the responsibility. "The job is a bigger challenge, but you want to move on to bigger challenges in life," Maggio said.

Different fee payment options available to students

Scott Givens
Contributing writer

If you're a Northwestern student tired of standing in lines during fee payment, you may want to consider mailing your payment .

Student Accounting Supervisor Janis Davis said more students are looking for alternate payment methods.

"Students have always been able to pay by mail," Davis said. "We're just starting to promote it a little more."

Students wishing to pay by mail can estimate their bill by looking at the tuition and fees section of the current schedule of classes and match a dollar amount to their number of hours pursued.

Student association fees, insurance, out-of-state fees, meal plan and lab fees must also be taken into account. Student accounts are billed monthly during the semester and coincide with student payroll dates. Students who live on campus have three payment installments and off-campus students have two, with the first installment coming at fee payment and others following a month apart.

Payment by credit card is also possible.

"The number of students paying by credit card has gradually grown over the last few semesters," Davis said.

Credit card payment can either be mailed or phoned in, but the school only accepts Visa and Master Card.

Mail-in and credit card payment instructions are included for the first time in the current schedule of classes.

Davis said everything has gone smoothly with the alternate payment methods and no major problems have come up yet.

Students wishing to obtain more information or phone in credit card payment should contact the Business Affairs-Student Accounting Section at (318) 357-5447.

University action teams to present preliminary reports Friday

David Balcer
Contribuing writer

For the last month and a half, University action teams have been meeting to help "change the face of Northwestern" and their preliminary reports are due Friday.

The action teams, which are branches of the University Planning Council, are a group of volunteers, including students, faculty and staff, who come up with ideas to make NSU better.

Out of the 11 University goals, the planning council chose four that they felt needed the most attention.

These goals, in order of priority are, to provide a student oriented environment, promote excellence in teaching, develop and strengthen communication channels, and to develop innovative non-traditional methods of instruction.

"The planning council took all 11 goals and we discussed them and prioritized them into which ones needed the most attention now," Dr. Scott Roach, chairman of the planning council, said.

For each of the four goals, specific objectives were conceived and prioritized. The top three objectives each have an action team assigned to it, and it is the job of the action team to come up with ideas in order to carry out that objective.

"What Dr.(Randall J.) Webb is hoping for, is that (the action teams) will get good information about ways we can change this campus so it will be more competitive with other universities, so we will meet the students needs better, and they will have a much better educational experience," Roach said.

The planning council will take the groups reports, evaluate these ideas and select the most appropriate ones to send to Webb and his advisors who will then incorporate these into their planning efforts.

"This gives (the president and other administrators) the opportunity to get information that they may not have ordinarily gotten," Roach said.

Each action team has five to six members on it and students are encouraged to join the action teams. Roach said this is where the students complaints and suggestions can be better served by the administration.

"If you don't like something on campus or if you want to change something on campus or if you think things can be better in some area or another, then volunteer to be on the action team," Roach said.

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Helping Hands program designed to promote social and cultural enrichment and enrich peer relationships

Sarah Crooks
Managing editor

NSU students who are financially disadvantaged, disabled or are the first generation of their family to attend college, can find support in Helping Hands.

Helping Hands is a club sponsored by the Student Support Services Trio Program and funded by the Department of Education.

This program is designed to "promote social and cultural enrichment and enrich peer relationships," Helping Hands Sponsor and Student Support Counselor Danna Pray said.

Helping Hands has been around as long as Student Support Services, Pray said. Members of this club meet once a month, receive free tutoring and counseling, and go on "cultural enrichment trips," like the one the club took to Dallas two weeks ago.

"We're helping them to make friends, helping to make connections inside and outside of class," Pray said. "Often times, first generation students need more support because they don't have a family that understands the things they are going through."

Right now, the group has 16 members, but Pray said they are looking for new members.

"We are looking for our count to go up," Pray said. "We want it to go up."

Pray said some students just don't realize that there is a club on campus for them. The Student Support counselors do go into freshman orientation classes to let them know about the club but Pray encourages all interested students to fill out an application for the club.

"I encourage all students to drop by and fill out an application to see if they might qualify," Pray said.

Helping Hands meets the first Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Student Support Services office, located in the infirmary building. For more information contact Danna Pray at 357-5901.

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However, on Sunday evening news, Alexandria's KALB aired story stating that DeMas had bee arrested and charged with "posse sion of marijuana and narcotics wi known medical use and intent distribute," according to KALB executive producer Leigh An Wynn.

According to representative from each station, this information had been faxed to both KALB an KLAX from the NPD. spokesman for KLAX stated that second fax was received before th 10 pm news from Natchitoches Cit Police stating that the story shoul be killed since no arrest had bee made.

Winn said that the second fa stating to kill the story was sent t KALB at 9:10 pm, but that "obv ously, nobody went in after nin o'clock to check the faxes."

During a phone conversatio yesterday, Detective Harmon L Winters of the Natchitoches Cit Police said that there was no infor mation relating to this story, addin that DeMas had been temporarily detained and released, but that there are no charges pending.

New orientation program geared toward non-traditional students

Marsha Andrews
Contributing writer

Freshmen Connection, and other college programs are usually geared toward the traditional student that has recently graduated from high school, but what happens if you are an adult woman returning to college after graduating from high school 5, 10, or more years ago?

You go to Ladies Night.

Ladies night is a one time program that will deal with the needs of the non-traditional students.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Men are more than welcome to attend, and there will be free child care for children ages 4 and up. (This one night only.) To register for the meeting call 357-5559.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m. with a welcome from Brenda Webb, Chris Maggio will speak about admissions and registration at Northwestern, and Dr. Alvin Brossette, director of continuing education will speak on classes at NSU's Nachitoches campus, satellite campus, and other campus sites.

At 6:30 p.m. Dr. Anthony Sheffler will speak on the type of degree programs offered at Northwestern, and the importance of being able to use new technology in today's world.

At 7 p.m. Gill Gilson will speak on the cost of being full- and part-time students, and also on financial aid such as Pell grants and loans. At 7:30 p.m. a panel of non-traditional students will talk about the struggles they faced when coming back to college. At 8 p.m. staff members from admissions, counseling career services, housing services, and new student programs will answer questions that the people might have.

Gail Jones, director of Student Programs, decided to try this program after going to a workshop in Dallas.

"Texas A&M had did this, and they had a very, very, good response," Jones said. Jones said that Northwestern must start asking itself "how can we improve, or better meet the needs of our non-traditional students?" since they are a quick growing majority on college campuses.

This year will also be the first year that Northwestern has held a Freshmen Connection II, which is a Freshmen Connection better suited for the non-traditional students needs.

Five arrests made in connection with rash of local armed robberies

Howard Morris
Contributing writer

Three adults and two juveniles were arrested in connection with a rash of seven local armed robberies last Wednesday.

On April 16, a Natchitoches Police Department investigation led to five arrests. Involved in the arrests were Shannon Fruga and Hardy Booth, 20, both of JW Thomas Apartments and Ernest Hamilton, 19, of Ann Street. Fruga and Booth were charged with five counts armed robbery and Hamilton was charged with two counts armed robbery.

The two juveniles involved were a 15-year-old black female and a 16-year-old black male. The 15-year-old was charged with one count armed robbery while the 16 - year-old was charged with two counts armed robbery, illegal possession of stolen goods, and a concealed weapon which was acquired from an automobile burglary.

NSU student, Alyson Courtney of Shreveport was a victim of one of the armed robberies on April 10. Courtney was withdrawing $10 at a local automated teller machine at Bank One.

An assailant wearing an elephant type mask approached and demanded her money. Courtney gave the assailant her wallet and fled into a local business and called the police. There were no witnesses present but the bank's security camera.

The camera provided information to the police which aided in the arrests. Due to the investigative work of the Natchitoches Police Department they were able to connect the seven robberies together.

Phone registration likely to be in place by mid-1998

Andrew Kolb
Contributing writer

Northwestern students will likely be able to register by phone by the summer of 1998, according to Acting Registrar Lillie Frazier Bell.

There is much work to be done before the new system will go into effect.

"We're still in the planning stage," Bell said. "The school will need to lay more phone lines first, and we have to complete the upgrade of the computer system."

Bell is not sure how the system will work for students, though. Bell said that she and other members of the administration are in the process of visiting other schools to see how their systems work, and if their systems will work here at Northwestern.

The new S.I.S. Plus computer system will need to be up and running, and all of the students' records will need to be transferred to the new system before phone registration can happen, Bell said.

"Hopefully, we'll have all of the details down by November of this year, with our goal being to have phone registration installed by the summer semester of 1998," Bell added.

Bell said that Dr. Webb has played a key role in getting this new project under way.

"I would like to thank Dr. Webb and our vice-president for helping us to get this new technology," Bell said.

Shuttle bus making life easier on campus

Brent Bell
Contributing writer

With parking spaces not readily available and the walk to class a little long, wouldn't it be nice if the University provided some kind of transport service for students?

There is such a service and it is free of charge for all Northwestern State University students. It is called the Shuttle Bus.

The Shuttle Bus is a clean, newer model GMC van. There are four padded bench seats each with room for two to three students.

The Shuttle Bus has been regularly running since Easter break.

According to Butch Crowder, driver of the NSU transport bus, the bus will run until the last day of spring classes and is scheduled to continue service next fall also.

There are only about nine regular student passengers Crowder said. The Shuttle Bus service "should be advertised," so students will know about the service and can benefit from it, Crowder said.

Each Shuttle Bus route begins and ends at the stadium. The bus leaves the stadium 20 minutes before each class. The bus arrives behind the post office 15 minutes before class and then heads towards the TEC building. It then stops at the apartments 10 minutes before class.

"I will take any student anywhere on campus" said Butch Crowder.

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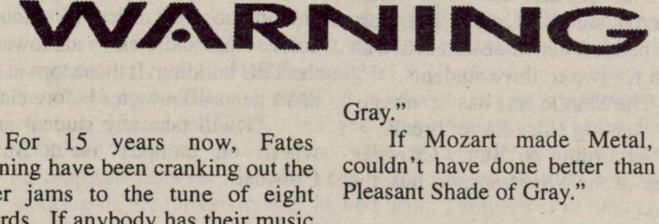
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Fates Warning, Blowtorch, Horny Toad and country singer Jeff Wood

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

Before we even get into this week's reviews, there's a more pressing matter at hand. There was a misprint last week about the upcoming date of the ACID BATH show with CROWBAR and FLOODGATE. The correct information is as follows: THE SHOW WILL TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, APRIL 25, and not Thursday, April 25, as printed last week. So you know where you need to find yourself this Friday—at the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium for the show. Oh yeah, I've been informed that the first 100 people through the door get a free FLOODGATE CD sampler. So there.

FATES WARNING
A Pleasant Shade of Pale
MetalBlade Records



For 15 years now, Fates Warning have been cranking out the killer jams to the tune of eight records. If anybody has their music fine tuned to the point of perfection, it's got to be them. The new album is incredible. It's a 55-minute ride straight into the soul of Fates Warning.

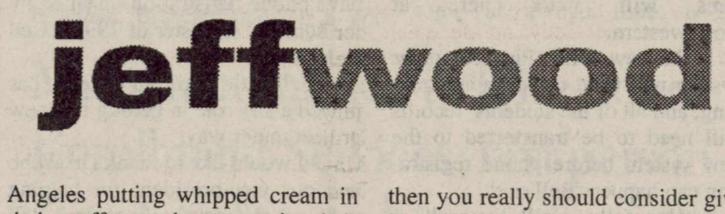
I know we're all used to Fates Warning taking an avant-garde approach to their music, but this time they've added something even more unusual to the mix—the songs aren't broken down individually. Once you get on, that's it—you're strapped in for the long haul.

"A Pleasant Shade of Gray" is exactly what the title implies it would be. If you could write a musical score to match the thoughts inside your mind when it seems like the world is going crazy around you, this is what you'd have to come up with. It's like being caught in the musical version of the eye of a hurricane—when you're perfectly calm, but there's hell happening all around you.

Some of the moments on "A Pleasant Shade of Gray" are a bit mellow, but they're layered. The overall sound of the disc is smooth and polished, something of a Metal masterpiece, if you will. Fates Warning quite obviously made the right decision when they enlisted the help of former Armored Saint bassist Joey Vera and keyboardist Kevin Moore, previously of Dream Theater, to help them put the finishing touches on "A Pleasant Shade of Gray."

If Mozart made Metal, he couldn't have done better than "A Pleasant Shade of Gray."

JEFF WOOD
between the earth and the stars
Imprint Records



Okay, I got the package, opened it, saw what I just knew had to be country music and immediately put it down. My major thought at the time was "Who did these people at Imprint get me confused with?" So, not being Northwestern's resident redneck, I decided to let it sit for a while. A long while.

Then I decided to give it a whirl and read the lyrics at least. Alright, pretty typical fare—love, romance, blah, blah, blah. Then I got to the song "Long Way From OK," where Jeff writes about people in Los Angeles putting whipped cream in their coffee and sprouts in their food.

When he mentioned tattooed girls in bikinis, I almost felt offended. But I decided to take it for what it was worth—an outsider's perspective on the way things are.

But I still didn't want to listen to the disc. So I decided to investigate further and started flipping through his press material.

Ladies and gentlemen, Jeff Wood likes his pants "boot cut" (whatever that means), his hero is his mom, and he considers the perfect evening one that is spent in a "quaint dive" drinking beer and watching football with his friends. (Ya' know I hate him.)

But then I read that his favorite show is Seinfeld. Alright, Jeff. You get 15 seconds to impress me. And he did.

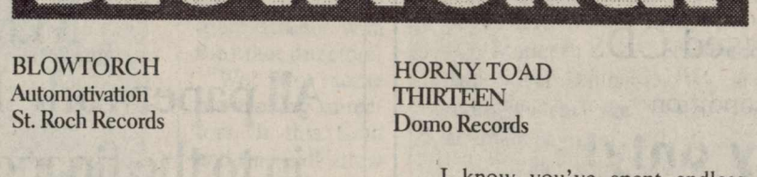
I still don't like most of his lyrics, but the music's really good, and the guy has a good set of pipes. His voice flows like a gentle stream on a cool day.

All totaled, I'd have to say that I could conceivably imagine myself listening to Jeff Wood on one of those rare days when I go through my music collection, pull out the country and give it a spin.

He has a certain sincerity that just can't be faked. Being such a stickler for honesty, I give him high marks just for that alone.

Take the review for what it is—someone who only listens to "the best of country music" actually likes Jeff Wood. So don't let this be lost on you.

If you listen to country music, then you really should consider giving Jeff Wood a slot in your record collection. The very fact that I like it surely must be the equivalent of Mohammed moving the mountain. That's no small feat.



BLOWTORCH
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Blowtorch is a three man band that packs more punch than Oscar De La Hoya. They're punky, grungy and totally mean. Aggressive and hostile to the core. Want a good jam to pump you up at the gym?

Look no further than Blowtorch. They'll have you benching 350 in no time.

I particularly like the song "I hate my girlfriend." If you've ever been in one of those seemingly endless relationships where the every little thing that your significant other does just makes you want to kill 'em, then surely you can relate to this one. (Personally, I prefer not to have an endless relationship, but everything else fits.)

Blowtorch waste no time in getting to the point. There are 13 songs on the disc, and only one clocks in at over four minutes.

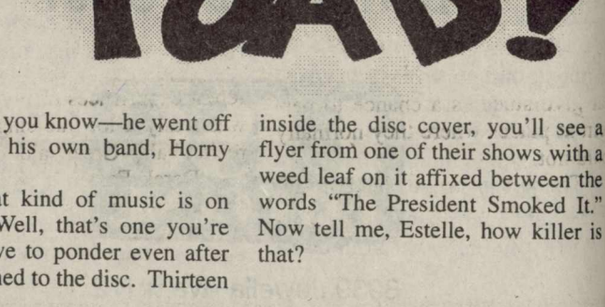
"Brad got a bike" doesn't even hit two. But when you get in, do the deal and get out like Blowtorch, you don't have to spend a lot of time explaining things.

Remember in the De La Hoya fight when Oscar put what must have been at least a hundred licks against Chavez' head in about two seconds flat?

That's got to be the boxing equivalent of a Blowtorch song.

This rules—no fluff and foo-foo.

HORNY TOAD
THIRTEEN
Domo Records



I know you've spent endless hours pondering the question, "What ever happened to ex-Suicidal Tendencies bass player Louichi Mayorga?" Well, Estelle, now you know—he went off and formed his own band, Horny Toad.

So what kind of music is on Thirteen? Well, that's one you're going to have to ponder even after you've listened to the disc. Thirteen seems to encompass everything from Ska to Funk and Reggae. (Horny Toad's press sheet refers to it as "amphibious music," if that helps.)

Vocalist Kid Caviar (love the name) said, "New fans are always coming up to us after a show and saying how different we sound, but then they start naming all these groups we remind them of. We don't mind 'cause we know that we love all types of music and our sound reflects that." Hell yeah, it does. That's an understatement.

This is one of the better discs that I've reviewed in a while just because of the versatility of the sound. No matter what kind of music you're in the mood for, you're bound to find it on Thirteen. Want to play air guitar? You can do that here. Want to dance around in spasms? Horny Toad's Thirteen also gives you that as an option. (I swear, I even hear a touch of Danzig in the vocals on "Fire in the Sky.") Pretty killer, huh?

So, what we have here is a mix of sounds that'll make even the most difficult to please crack a smile. There's something on Thirteen for everyone.

And Horny Toad even have a sense of humor. If you look closely inside the disc cover, you'll see a flyer from one of their shows with a weed leaf on it affixed between the words "The President Smoked It." Now tell me, Estelle, how killer is that?

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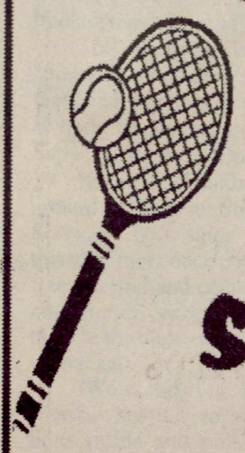
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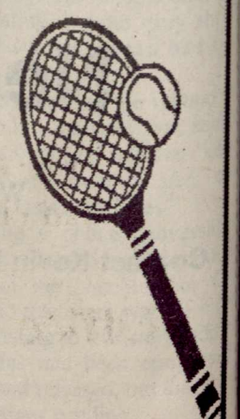



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Features

Reviewer cheers "West Side Story" choreography, jeers lack of conviction

Melanie Romero
Contributing writer

The long awaited production of "West Side Story," presented by NSU Theater took place last week.

Directed by Ed Brazo, assistant professor of dance, the production had an emphasis on choreography.

Right from the beginning the cast executed complex, striking movements that captured the audience's eye. Although filled with eye-catching choreography, the performance lacked real conviction in a good many of the acting scenes, and possessed few strong solo voices.

Cory Pichoff, who played leader of the Jets, Riff, was satisfactory. His character as the lovable, but tough, gang leader was believable, but his singing left much to be desired.

The "Jet Song" and "Cool" were good but his solo notes in the "Tonight" quintet were piercingly wrong.

Henry Lee Layton, who played leader of the Sharks, Bernado, wowed audience with his dancing in "'Mambo" and the prologue. His character was tough and the rage that poured from his body was almost visible. He successfully created a scorned individual who just wanted a fair chance in America.

Clayton Chauvin, who played Tony, charmed the audience with his debonair smile, happy-go-lucky attitude, and pleasing voice.

From the beginning of the show Chauvin captures the audience with a delightful performance in "Who Knows." From then on he keeps his character true and admirable. His voice, though, became a little shaky whenever he sang with someone else.

His duets with Hodgdon were not very good. Few of his notes had strong footing and their voices just didn't blend together.

Stephanie Hodgdon, who played Maria, treated the audience with an angelic voice and a living, breathing character. Her scenes with both Anita and Tony possessed a kinship. Real bonds seemed to be made in between Tony and Maria on the balcony, and in between Anita and Maria in her room after the rumble.

By far, the strongest cast member was P.J. Davis, who played Anita. Her singing shined in "America," her dancing awed in "Mambo," and her acting captivated in the final scenes at Doc's and under the highway. Besides too many lines being directed at the audience, Davis' performance was flawless.

The Jets, as a whole, created an atmosphere of camaraderie. Forming a tight-knitted group, their loyalty to each other was tangible. Their singing wasn't bad, but their attitude and stage presence made up for what they lacked in musical ability.

This was displayed in the number "Gee, Officer Krupke," the best scene in the show. Featuring Guy Davis, whose voice surprised and delighted, Gregory Romero, John Dollar, John Dunn, Michael Mayhall, Alex Peevy, and Keith Franklin, this number was amusing and it succeeded in giving the audience comic relief in the middle of a tragic story line. The audience actually burst into spontaneous applause when the Jets executed a kneeling Rockets kick line.

The strongest Jet members included Alex Peevy, Michael Mayhall, and Guy Davis. Whenever in a scene, Peevy and Mayhall thought of funny adlibs or convincing facial expressions that brought the scenes closer to reality.

Davis, a favorite, kept the underlying intensity of the show rolling with his occasional outbursts and jabbing gestures.

The strongest Shark members, who did little more than dance, on the whole, included Terence Daniels and Walter Hull. Their dancing in "Mambo" stole attention from the action at center stage.

The Shark and Jet girls were not very good. The few acting scenes allotted to them were poorly done and a good bit of the singing was too. Both groups strongest attribute was their dancing, but the Jet girls in "Cool" didn't do a very good job of that either. The Shark girls were good in "America," dancing, not singing, and all girls were good in the dance scenes.

Other key cast members included Kelly Songy, who played Anybodys, Carleau Taylor, who played Chino, Bo Allen, who played Doc, and Brett Daigle, who played Lt. Shrank.

The singing was definitely the weakest link in the show. That, and the out of tune violins in the orchestra. For the most part, the ensemble singing was good, but some of the solos were shaky. The acting was mediocre in the scenes not involving the principles and the dancing and choreography was immensely entertaining.

NSU choir members perform at Carnegie Hall

Courtney LaCour
Contributing writer

Fifty NSU choir students received the chance of a lifetime when they performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City last month.

On March 23, the students sang before a crowd of approximately 2,000. The performance was conducted by Dr. Burt Allen, director of NSU's choir.

This event was sponsored by Mid-America Productions. Scott Greer, one of the students to perform, explained that this company was organized to sponsor concerts that give students a chance to perform at places where they normally could not.

The concert was a blend of several choirs including NSU and some high schools and colleges from other parts of the country. Originally, this was the only performance NSU was to give. However, the NSU Chamber Choir had the chance to perform on stage by themselves.

Greer, a senior vocal performance major, said that Mid-America Productions asked Allen for an additional group to perform.

Allen sent the company a tape of the chamber choir and they were selected to sing. In addition, two Northwestern students were chosen by audition to be soloists. These two students were Scott Greer and Chris Jardoin.

"This was one of the most different experiences of my life, but it was really a lot like singing in our recital hall," Greer said.

Derek Foster, a junior English major, claimed that the trip was a rewarding experience, even for non-music majors.

"It gave me a chance to enjoy what I like doing," Foster said.

The cost of the trip came to a total of $1,350 per student. However, part of the cost was covered by the University.

NSU paid $700 per person and the remaining $650 was left up to the student. Greer claimed that NSU President Randall J. Webb and the Alumni Association, in particular, were very helpful in raising money for the choir.

When they were not singing, the students had a chance to visit some of the sights of New York City. Some of the sights they visited included the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, and the Metropolitan Opera.

The choir wants to try to make the trip again someday. According to Greer, another trip will probably be years away because of the money and planning that is required.

"West Side Story" sells most tickets in past five years as eight weeks of rehearsals pay off for production cast and crew

Courtney LaCour
Contributing writer

After eight weeks of rehearsal, the NSU Theater completed its final performance of "West Side Story," one of the theater's most successful productions.

The show ran from April 16-19 and included two matinees. The matinees were outreach programs performed for middle schools and high schools.

Ed Brazo, director and choreographer for the show, said that "West Side Story" was one of the theater's most successful productions. Brazo, an assistant professor of dance, reported that the box office sold more tickets for this show than for any other show in the past 5 years.

"There was a very good crowd response," Brazo said. "The performances on Friday and Saturday were filled with people from the community, not just family members of the performers."

"West Side Story" is set in New York City in the 1950's. The show is loosely based on William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." According to Brazo, the show was difficult to perform because of the level of dancing, singing, and acting that is involved.

Brazo said that over 100 people worked on the show. This includes the cast, the production staff, and the orchestra, which played the music for the entire show. The cast consisted of some students who are theater majors and some who have had no theater experience at al~.

Shea Eaves, a member of the cast, felt that the show contained a great deal of unity.

"This has been one of the best shows ever," Eaves said. "The cast has been more like a family than anything else."

The response from the audience has been positive.

Katrina Manuel, a sophomore home economics education major, has seen the show three times.

"It was a good combination of dancing, singing, and acting," Manual said. "It was the best production that I have seen the theater do since I have been here."

During the summer, NSU Theater plans to perform two dinner theater productions. These productions are "Louisiana Purchase" and "Once Upon a Mattress." If anyone is interested in attending these events, call (318) 357-6891 for further information.

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Our View

Numbers? What numbers?

The elections last week attracted only 698 voters, but its news coverage seems to have drawn almost that many followers and angered more.

When the polls closed Thursday afternoon, SGA members assured KNWD and NSU 22 they could get the results Friday morning at 8 a.m., but when reporters arrived, they were told that those numbers would not be released until later that day. "Later that day" came and went, but the actual numbers related to the election were still not to be had.

Sure, the media was told who won the election, but were not given the breakdown of the votes.

"the breakdown of votes isn't released.... because if that information were printed, someone's feelings might be hurt..."

Why not?

An SGA adviser told NSU 22 reporters that normally, the breakdown of votes aren't released to the the press because if that information were printed, someone's feeling might be hurt.

Funny how no one takes the feelings of other candidates into account when tallying election results. Surely Bob Dole would rather not have known how many votes he lost the presidential election by. Why didn't they spare his feelings? And do you think that the electorate would have been satisfied if the federal government had said "Don't worry about the actual number of votes that each candidate received. And by the way, Clinton won..... trust us."

Granted, the SGA adviser did tell campus media that these numbers would be released as soon as the SGA Election Board voted to give us this information, but no approximate time for this vote was given. Meanwhile, KNWD, NSU 22 and Current Sauce reporters eagerly await the information. (Don't they realize that the longer they make us wait, the more suspicious it seems?)

In the past, when the Current Sauce was the only campus medium following campus elections, immediate election return information wasn't a problem. The polls closed on Thursday and the Current Sauce was printed on Monday. This gave SGA and SAB advisers and election boards four days to get all the information together. But with the growth of broadcast news on campus, officials were under pressure to get things done quickly.

Maybe it's time to change the way things are done. An election policy should be drafted and should be followed explicitly. Included in this policy should be a provision for releasing the exact election returns.

We are all adults and despite what some people say we can handle the truth. Even if it hurts.

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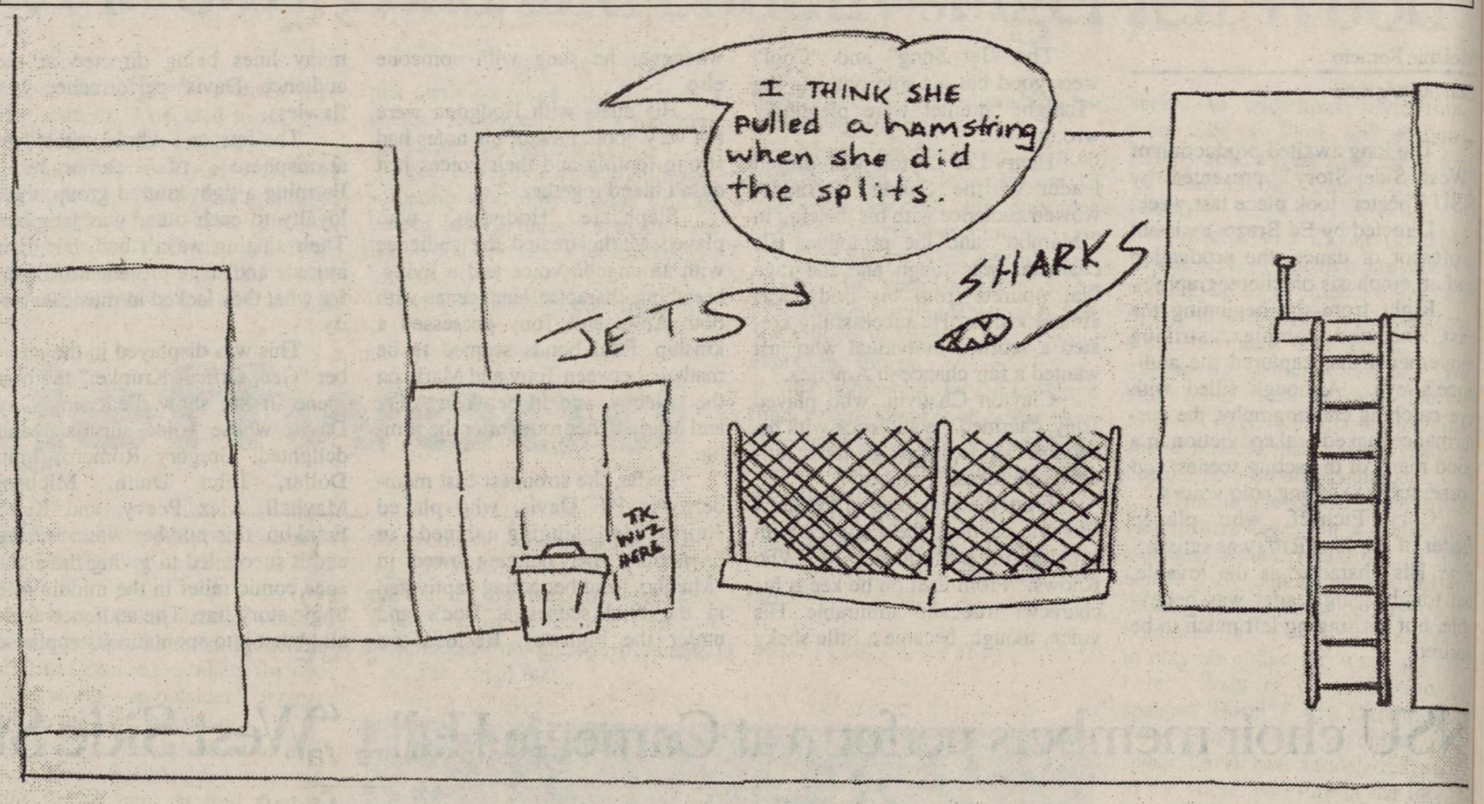
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Friday night Performance of "West Side Story" and the newly added narrative dialogue from backstage



Columnist grateful students and faculty help journalism students

Guest Columnist

Don Harper

How would you like to have one of your classroom assignments broadcast over Natchitoches cable television on NSU 22, printed in the *Current Sauce*, or even used for a commercial newspaper or television station? This is what journalism students do every day.

The NSU press corps, composed of print and broadcast journalism students, has been hitting the beat on campus to get you the real scoop on issues involving you. These are the same students who sit next to you in Math 106 and History 1020.

No, your homework for Econ 2010 won't make the news but their coverage of the five suspects caught in the strings of muggings around campus will.

These students don't have it any harder than any other course of study but they do have the responsibility of bringing you the news.

Whether good or bad, sports or weather, this is why they are here; to learn something. They do have times when they get (let's say) chewed on a bit.

For example, several students from the *Sauce* and NSU 22 went to the computer center to get what they thought would be the results of the SGA elections. This was not the case.

Anna Airhart, a computer process control technician, was scanning the ballots when asked if she would answer a few questions for the Sauce. This was her response.

"Do you want me to stop scanning to talk to you?" Airhart said. "I'm the only one here and I don't have time for this. You'll have to talk to Stanley Hippler down the hall."

I did go down the hall and I did get to talk to Mr. Hippler who was very cordial and answered any question I threw out. I want to thank him and the other computer center personnel for their help.

The point of all this is to say a heartwarming thank you to all of you who, over the past year, have been interviewed on tape or in front of a camera.

It's well-known among journalists that people are camera shy or even tape recorder shy. They don't want to look dumb or be embarrassed by the reporter. That is not the goal of any legitimate journalist. They just want the facts.

To those faculty members, students, and everybody else, the journalism students would like to thank you for your cooperation. Without you, the sources of all the news, we would have nothing to report.

Thanks again.

Borrowing money from university similar to getting money from a loan shark

The Gospel of Jeff

Jeff Burkett

Have you ever in your life taken out any type of loan?

Being college students I'm sure that most of us have. Or, have you ever applied for a credit card and racked up a bunch of charges? When you do this, you usually are expected to pay it back, right?

How about this situation, have you ever borrowed money from a friend and promised to pay it back by a certain date? I'm sure many of us have done this also...in college it is a part of life...borrowing money. But when you owe NSU money...LOOK OUT!

I understand that a university is run like a business, you have to keep the faculty paid so they don't walk out, you have to keep classes rolling, and most importantly keep the wild student population at bay.

But when it comes to individual or campus money matters, call the loan shark Mable, it's going to be a long and bumpy ride!

Just to give you the low-down...our fair institution has owed me money in the past, I can't say for what, but let us say I have helped keep some of the loose-cannons around here in check (KNWD), and of course like any other job, I expected to get paid.

Well when it came time for me to receive my compensation, the experience was comparable to pulling the testicles off a live bull! I ran from building to building asking someone how I could get my money, and at each place I went I was told something new - the typical NSU run-around.

Finally after a kind-hearted red-headed hick-speaking member of the financial aid office saw me weeping on the front steps of Roy hall, she told me what I needed to do to set things straight.

Now the tables have turned! Not too long ago, my car went belly up and I had to use my tuition money to by a new "ride", yes I was in a financial bind, therefore I needed to arrange a "loan" with the school, not the regular Federal type thingy, but some type of deal with the school in which I had to sign in blood and sacrifice my first born to the three remaining columns.

Now that I owe "The Man" money, I am reminded on a weekly basis of the financial burden that I have placed on the school by borrowing the aforementioned amount of cash. I know that I have to pay it back a few years after I graduate from this place, which may be never, but that is AFTER I get out of here.

Why are they reminding me now...and why every week? Did I get on the school every week when they owed me money? Did I mail them letter after letter reminding them of the exact dollar amount they owe me every waking hour?

No...I was kicked from building to building like an old face down rusted penny. But when they want their money, it's pay up or die!

Now that I have gotten myself into debt with NSU, it will serve as a constant reminder to me about my lovely five years at this place of getting passed from person to person from class to class, and from office to office looking for the way the way out!

Just think what if, after I pay NSU back, I decide to buy this place...The College of Jeff...WOW!

Letters to the Editor

Left over campaign slogans on campus has student upset

Dear Editor,

Like all good citizens of NSU, this past week I too caught the SGA election fever. In order to make an informed decision, I took it upon myself to examine the platforms of the two tickets for President/Vice President.

My joy knew no bounds when I read the platform of Alicia Thomas/ Luke Dowden and discovered there, according to article 4, the candidates proposed to "begin a campus wide recycling campaign and beautification project. To include trash pick-up and picnic tables."

As I walked across the campus this weekend, (note that the elections were over this past Thursday) I noticed a couple of signs that do not bode well for the coming year.

Still emblazoned across the outer walls of Kyser Hall and the post office, in large conspicuous colorful letters, was the campaign propaganda of the above mentioned candidates. These strides towards beautification were complemented by the hundreds of signs still plastered in virtually every building on campus. Not to leave any part of the campus "un-beautified" the candidates had their names scribbled on the sidewalks, and flyers scattered across the grounds.

I notice article 8 of their platform states "have parking lots resurfaced and repainted." Maybe they should add to that the painting of defaced walls.

Thanks and looking forward to a beautiful campus next year.

Yours Sincerely,
Himanshu Singh

Sports

Demons take fourteen of their last fifteen games

Don Harper
Staff reporter

The Demon baseball team is running hotter than a three cylinder Geo engine doing 70 on the interstate with a hole in the oil pan.

The Demons won five games this week and pushed their record to 29-16. Three of the games came in a weekend sweep over Nicholls State. The weekend sweep gives the Demons the season sweep over the Colonels. The Demons also had wins over ETBU and Arkansas-Little Rock to add to their win column.

Now on a five game win streak and winning 14 of their last 15, the Demons seem to be poised for the top seed in the Southland Conference Tournament to be held at Northeast.

Tom Sullivan, the Demon closer, has been critical this week to the Demon's success. He pitched 4.2 innings, with three saves, one hit, six strike outs and a 0.00 earned run average ERA. Sullivan has played a big part in the Demon's conference domination. He has pitched 15.1 innings in 10 appearances, maintained that 0.00 ERA, allowed no extra base hits, has won a game and has for saves in conference.

"Sullivan has really been solid for us this year," Coach Dave Van Horn said. "He always seems to be able to stop a rally dead in it's tracks. He has been a huge asset for us this season."

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Josh Hoffpauir, a freshman rightfielder, was on the top of his game this week and lead the Demons offensively. Batting .579, Hoffpauir went 11 for 19 with three doubles, a triple, a home run, and three RBIs.

Other Demons making contributions this week were Brian Lawrence who threw seven innings in a four hit one run defeat of Nicholls State and Robert Hewes who went 6 for 16 batting .436 with a double and three RBIs.

Coach Dave Van Horn was pleased with the teams performance.

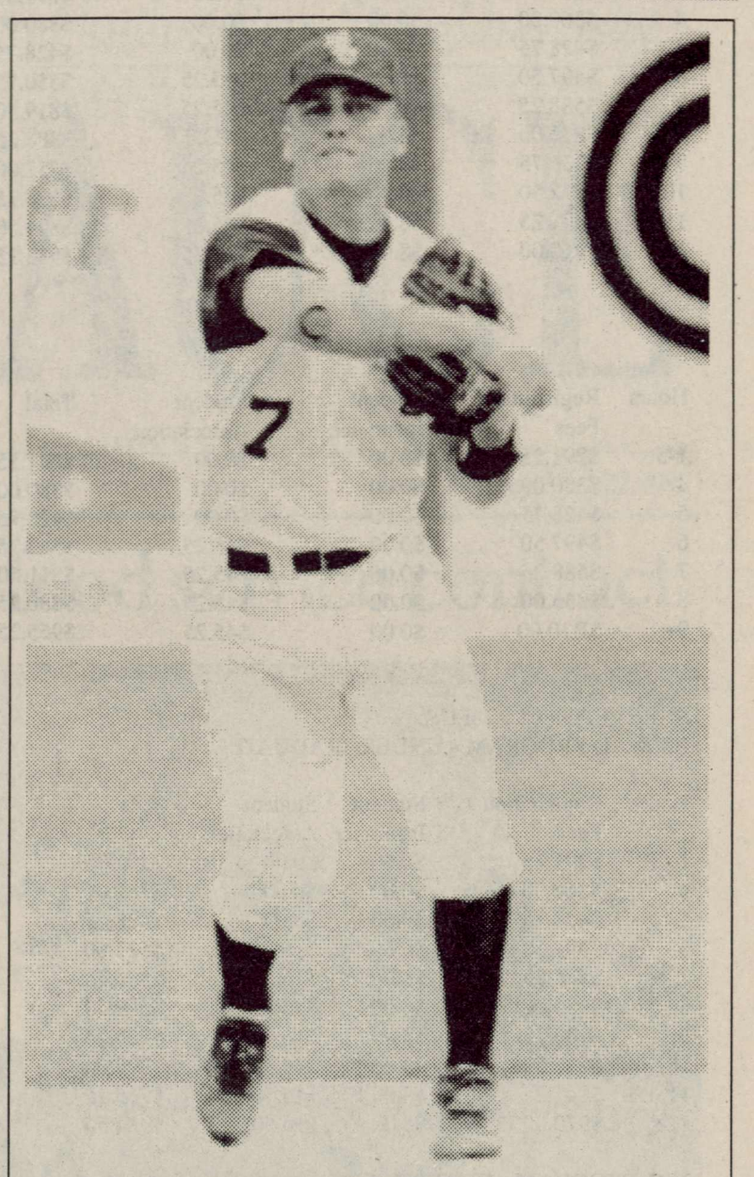
"Our pitching was solid once again and we were able to get the timely hits to pull it out," Van Horn said in an interview after game one of the double header with Nicholls State.

The Demons have nine games left to finish the season and Southland Conference regular season play.

The first four of the nine games will be played here and will be the last chance to get out and see the Demons in action. Louisiana Tech will be here today for one game. The Demons will play host to McNeese State for a three game series including a double header on Saturday. The Demons finish up the regular season on the road with single games against USL, Southeastern Louisiana, and a three game stand at NLU.

The Demons hold a 3 1/2 game lead in the Louisiana Division and a 2 game lead over Southwest Texas with a 16-6 record in conference and a 29-16 record overall.

The Southland Conference Baseball tournament will be held at NLU because of a timing conflict at Fairgrounds Field in Shreveport. The tournament will be held May 14-18 and the Demons are in position for the number one seed.



Tony Pezley fires one off to secure a five game win streak for the Demons.

Courtesy of NSU News Bureau

Tennis team finishes up third in the SLC tennis championship

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Northwestern Lady Demon Tennis team completed what was a very successful season for them by finishing up 10-4 on the season and 6-2 in the Southland Conference after beating Texas-San Antonio on Wednesday in a make up match due to a rain out.

On Thursday the Lady Demon Netters begin play in the Southland Conference Tennis Championships held in Natchitoches at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

Everyone on the team won on the first day of competition except Kourtney Kentzel who lost in her singles and also in her doubles match teaming up with Merlin Prezens in a 8-4 loss in No. 3 doubles.

On Friday in the second round the Lady Demons advancing to the finals were Christine Dodge, in No. 4 singles, Marta Zivanov in No. 2 singles and Ljudmila Pavlov and Zivanov teamed up for a win and a place in the finals in the No. 1 doubles position. Merlin Prezens and Jelena Lukic' lost in their semifinal matches in the No. 5 and No. 3 positions respectively and Pavlov lost at the No. 1 singles position in a tough 6-1 6-0 loss for the former Southland Tennis Player of the year in 1994.

On Saturday the Lady Demon Netters played hard but they could not crack into the win column this year. Zivanov and Pavlov played strong but lost in the No. 1 doubles final 8-5 to Nicholls State. Zivanov lost in straight sets 6-4, 6-1 and Christine Dodge lost 6-0, 6-1 to Northeast.

This was a very good year for the ladies who improved on their fifth place showing last year ago by finishing third in the conference after the Southland Conference Tennis tournament was completed. They were only three points out of second place, occupied by Nicholls State. Northeast ended up winning the Southland Conference placing eight women in the finals of the nine flights in the tournament and winning seven of them.

The Lady Demons look forward to next year as they are only going to lose two players from the team next year as Christine Dodge and Ljudmila Pavlov are graduating this year. Coach Paz expects great things next year from his young team and he hopes that the Lady Demon Netters will be able to contend for the Southland Tennis title next year. Congratulations to the Lady Demon tennis team and good luck in the future to Pavlov and Dodge who will graduating from Northwestern this year.

Keith Thibodeaux gets the call in fifth round 1997 NFL draft

Terry Kilgore
Staff reporter

Keith Thibodeaux, Northwestern State All-Conference Cornerback, was chosen in the fifth round of the 1997 NFL Draft Sunday, making him the third Louisiana collegiate player chosen and the 140th overall.

A four-year letter winner as a Demon as well as a three-year starter, Thibodeaux made 163 career tackles and had 24 pass breakups for his career. The 5-11, 185-pounder from Opelousas and Beau Chene High School, led the team with 3 interceptions and 10 pass breakups during his Senior campaign. He was drafted Sunday by the Washington Redskins.

"I'm real excited right now." Thibodeaux said from his parents home in Opelousas. "I'm glad Washington is going to give me the chance to prove my ability. They said they feel real confident in what I can do."

Thibodeaux was a first-team All-Louisiana and All-Southland Conference selection as a cornerback for the Demons last fall. His career was capped off quite nicely with a 2-interception, 2-pass breakup, 6 tackle masterpiece in Northwestern's win over nationally-ranked Stephen F. Austin.

"Keith had the kind of senior season we hoped he would. He made big plays and provided the leadership our young team needed. He has the potential to be a productive player at the next level." Coach Sam Goodwin said.

Considered a "sleeper" by most draft experts as he recovered from post-season wrist surgery,



Thibodeaux

Thibodeaux's stock has climbed significantly in the past six weeks. Some teams interest may have been tempered due to the late January surgery that repaired a fractured bone in his left wrist.

"I'm not sure." Thibodeaux said when asked about the injury. "Initially I thought I might be looking at free agency. I started clocking better (40-yard dash) times and a lot of teams started contacting me. I felt comfortable and my confidence and emotions picked up. I felt real excited about my situation going into the draft and now I'm very pleased to be going to the Redskins."

Even though Thibodeaux has a blistering best time of 4.4 seconds in the 40, he still feels he has something to prove.

"From talking with the teams, some had real interest in me. From what they said, I was supposed to go higher. Kansas City, who showed a lot of interest, traded up and gave away a third-round pick they might have used to get me. Tampa Bay talked to me a lot and said they expected me to go higher but they went for a guy from Virginia, from a bigger school. Some teams fell asleep on me but I'm going to wake them up when I go to camp." Thibodeaux said.

Thibodeaux joins a long list of pros produced by Northwestern State. Among them are Pro Football Hall of Famer TE Jackie Smith (Cardinals); AFL All-Stars WR Charlie Hennigan (Oilers) and FB Charlie Tolar (Oilers); 1981 AFC Rookie of the Year TB Joe Delaney (Chiefs); 1988 AFC Rookie of the Year TB John Stephens (Patriots); QB Bobby Hebert (Falcons); All-Pro WR Mark Duper (Dolphins); WR Floyd Turner (Ravens); WR Odessa Turner (Giants/49ers); LB Gary Reasons (Giants); and CB Randy Hilliard (Broncos).

Fair is Fair; a dedication by the Fan

Just a Fan

Don Harper

Is the P.E. Majors building named after the bionic man or is it for the Phys Ed majors. This is something I do not know.

I would like to dedicate this column to the owner of the coolest mini van in America. Let me give you a brief description: It is a two toned white on top and light blue on bottom Chevrolet Astrovan. It has very nice gold rims, low profile tires, big boom in the back, and no tint in the windows. You should see this van around campus if you keep your eyes open. To the owner of this fine piece of machinery I give three "I'm not worthies." I'm not worthy. I'm not worthy. I'm not worthy.

To those who were wondering, my tee-ball team tied it's first game 15-15. The highlights of the game were that both teams made an out. The crowd went wild both times. It was great.

Let's talk about fairness today. No, not equal opportunity, you don't want to know what I think about that. Fairness on the court, the field, the track, and the ice. Why do the premier athletes get special treatment?

Why doesn't Wayne Gretsky get called for tripping in a blatant incident and some no name guy gets sent to the box for touching Gretsky with his stick. Why does Michael Jordan get to take four steps as he drives the hole but Big Country doesn't.

I'm back on my soap box and here we go. I can understand the fact that Wayne and Michael bring in the big bucks. I understand that people come to see them play not sit on the bench or in the penalty box. I can't understand sacrificing the original concept of the game for money.

You know the most historically studied book in the world said, and I quote, "The love of money is the root of all evil." Let's take the hint people. Money isn't sports. Money isn't life. Money isn't happiness.

The reason sports were created in the first place was for competition and entertainment. Not to get paid, but to win. Not to get the Nike contract, but to the best at what you do.

I was told by my father as a 10-year-old playing Little League Baseball to hit one of the first two pitches thrown. When I asked why he said "because I'll be behind the plate and everything else will be a strike."

My dad was one of the best umpires in the state of Pennsylvania and he never wanted anyone to think he wasn't being fair. So my strike zone was just about anything thrown. It was only fair. I guess I expect the same from the world. It makes me sad to see where we are heading.

Don't forget if you have a comment about Just A Fan or anything about the Sauce you can E-MAIL me at nshar0968@alpha.nsula.edu.

Winner: Anyone who gives all they have to give, win or lose, regardless of the score and can earn the respect of their opponent in the process.

Softball team sweeps Southeastern; waiting for rematch with 18th ranked La. Tech

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

Northwestern State Lady Demons thrashed Southeastern Louisiana 7-1 and 2-1 to sweep a doubleheader from the Lady Lions.

In game one, Becca Allen who was 5-7 with a double, she was brought in by a single by Shannon Straty to give the Lady Demons a 1-0 lead.

In the second inning the Lady Demons exploded with four runs and took a 5-0 lead and cruised to the easy win. Amber Welker pitched the entire game and got the win pushing her record up to 6-7 on the season.

In the second game Southeastern jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the second inning. Then Shante' Jones got the Lady Demons on the scoreboard with a RBI single that tied the score 1-1.

The game then went into extra innings and finally the Lady Demons pulled it out in the ninth inning when Shannon Straty's single scored Tammy Peck for the 2-1 win.

The Lady Demons took the weekend off and will play Tech on Tuesday in Ruston and then UTSA over the weekend in Natchitoches, in their last games of the season. The Lady Demons have all but locked up a spot in the Southland Conference Softball Tournament in Monroe in two weeks.

The Lady's are now 20-26 overall on the season overall and 9-10 in the conference and will be looking for momentum with some wins going into the SLC championships.

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
TUITION AND FEES
Summer 1997

Natchitoches Campus Undergraduate

Hours	Registration Fees	Student Insurance	Student Association	Total
1 - 3	$291.25	$0.00	$0.00	$291.25
4	$360.00	$0.00	$0.00	$380.00
5	$428.75	$0.00	$0.00	$428.75
6	$497.50	$8.00 **	$45.25	$550.75
7	$588.25	$8.00 **	$45.25	$819.50
8	$835.00	$8.00 **	$45.25	$888.25
9	$703.75	$8.00 **	$45.25	$757.00
10	$772.50	$8.00 **	$45.25	$825.75
11	$841.25	$8.00 **	$45.25	$894.50
12+	$910.00	$8.00 **	$45.25	$983.25

GRADUATE

Hours	Registration Fees	Student Insurance	Student Association	Total
1-3	$291.25	$0.00	$0.00	$291.25
4	$380.00	$0.00	$0.00	$380.00
5	$428.75	$0.00	$0.00	$428.75
6	$497.50	$0.00	$45.25	$542.75
7	$588.25	$0.00	$45.25	$811.50
8	$835.00	$0.00	$45.25	$880.25
9+	$B10.00	$0.00	$45.25	$955.25

SHREVEPORT CAMPUS
BS & AD PROGRAM - UNDERGRADUATE

Hours	Registration Fees	Student Insurance	Student Association	Total
1 - 3	$291.25	$0.00	$0.00	$291.25
4	$360.00	$0.00	$0.00	$360.00
5	$428.75	$0.00	$0.00	$428.75
6	$497.50	$0.00 **	$16.50	$522.00
7	$586.25	$8.00 **	$16.50	$590.75
8	$635.00	$8.00 **	$16.50	$659.50
9	$703.75	$8.00 **	$16.50	$728.25
10	$772.50	$8.00 **	$16.50	$797.00
11	$841.25	$8.00 **	$16.50	$865.75
12+	$910.00	$8.00 **	$16.50	$934.50

M.S. PROGRAM - GRADUATE

Hours	Registration Fees	Student Insurance	Student Association	Total
1 - 3	$291.25	$0.00	$0.00	$291.25
4	$360s00	$0.00	$0.00	$360.00
5	$428.75	$0.00	$0.00	$428.75
6	$497.50	$0.00	$18.50	$514.00
7	$688.25	$0.00	$18.50	$682.75
8	$835.00	$0.00	$18.50	$651.60
9+	$910.00	$0.00	$18.50	$928.50

OUT-OF-STATE FEES
($101.25 per credit hour)

Undergraduate Hours	Undergraduate Fees	Graduate Hours	Graduate Fees
1 - 3	$0.00	1 - 3	$0.00
4	$405.00	4	$405.00
5	$508.25	5	$506.25
6	$607.50	6	$607.5
7	$708.75	7	$708.75
8	$810.00	8	$810.00
9	$911.25	9+	$1.215.00
10	$1,012.50		
11	$1,113.75		
12+	$1,215.00		

Other Campuses Undergraduate

Hours	Registration Fees	Student Insurance	Student Association	Total
1 - 3	$291.25	$0.00	$0.00	$291.25
4	$380.00	$0.00	$0.00	$380.00
5	$428.75	$0.00	$0.00	$428.75
6	$497.50	$0.00	$0.00	$497.50
7	$588.25	$0.00	$0.00	$588.25
8	$835.00	$0.00	$0.00	$835.00
9	$703.75	$0.00	$0.00	$703.75
10	$772.50	$0.00	$0.00	$772.50
11	$841.25	$0.00	$0.00	$841.25
12+	$910.00	$0.00	$0.00	$910.00

GRADUATE

Hours	Registration Fees	Student Insurance	Student Association	Total
1 - 3	$291.25	$0.00	$0.00	$291.25
4	$380.00	$0.00	$0.00	$380.00
5	$428.75	$0.00	$0.00	$428.75
8	$497.50	$0.00	$0.00	$497.50
7	$588.25	$0.00	$0.00	$588.25
8	$835.00	$0.00	$0.00	$835.00
9+	$910.00	$0.00	$0.00	$910.00

MEAL PLANS

10A Meal Plan.....$n/a 10B Meal Plan.....$n/a 14A Meal Plan.....$n/a
14B Meal Plan.....$n/a 19A Meal Plan.....$n/a 19B Meal Plan.....$n/a
Variable A plan....$n/a Variable B.....$206.00

OTHER FEES

International Student Fee (Flat Rate)	$40.00
*Alumni Fee (First-Time Candidates for Graduation)	$1.00
*Parking Permit	$5.00
*Late Registration Fee	$15.00
*Application Fee	$15.00
Infirmary (Natchitoches - Required of all dorm students)	$10.00
DORMS Double (3)Weeks	$113.40
Double (5) Weeks	$189.00
Double (8) Weeks	$228.80
Double (9) Weeks	$340.20
Double (10) Weeks	$378.00
Double (12) Weeks	$453.60
Single (3) Weeks	$189.00
Single (5) Weeks	$315.00
Single (8) Weeks	$378.00
Single (9) Weeks	$567.00
Single (10) Weeks	$630.00
Single (12) Weeks	$758.00
Married Student Housing: One Bedroom-Per Month	$175.00
Two Bedroom-Per Month	$200.00
***Installment Plan Fee	$30.00

RETURNED CHECKS	FEES
Insufficient Funds	
(3 or more - Check Privileges Cancelled)	$10.00
Stop Payment	
(1 or more - Check Privileges Cancelled)	$20.00
Account Closed	
(1 or more - Check Privileges Cancelled)	$20.00

Refund Policy

A student who officially resigns on or before th last day to register for credit for each session will receive 100 percent credit to his account of all refundable fees. These fees include fees identified on the bill/statement as registration fees, out-of-state fees, laboratory fees, and student association fees. A student who officially resigns within two calendar days after the last day to register for each session will receive 50 percent credit to his account of all refundable fees identified on the bill/statement as registration fees, out-of-state fees, and laboratory fees. After this date, no refund or credit will be made. Dropped courses are not refundable at any time and will not be credited to a student's account. In some cases, the refund policy will result in a reduction of charges and not a "cash" refund.

Students receiving Title IV assistance (Federal Financial Aid) will be refunded according to revised Federal Regulations.

*Non-Refundable
**Student Insurance - Refundable only if requested in writing to the infirmary within the first two weeks after the opening date of the regular semester's registration with submission of proof of coverage under another policy. Part-time, students, off campus students, or students dependents may purchase the insurance through the infirmary.
***Installment fee - Payment in Full is required on scheduled fee payment date. Accounts not paid in full will be assessed a $30.00 Installment Plan Fee.

ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

THE PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR ALL FINANCIAL AID PAPERWORK IS MAY 1ST. ALL PAPERS SHOULD BE TURNED IN TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE, 109 ROY HALL

Notice
Dorm Room
Rate Increase
Summer 1997

Double Occupancy :	Old Rate	New Rate
3 weeks	$90.00	$113.40
5 weeks	$153.75	$189.00
6 weeks	$184.50	$226.80
9 weeks	$279.00	$340.20
10 weeks	$310.50	$378.00
12 weeks	$373.50	$453.60

Single Occupancy:	Old Rate	New Rate
3 weeks	$147.00	$189.00
5 weeks	$245.00	$315.00
6 weeks	$294.00	$378.00
9 weeks	$441.00	$567.00
10 weeks	$483.00	$630.00
12 weeks	$588.00	$756.00

Notice
Out of State Fee
Rate Increase Fall 1997

GRADUATE	Old Rate	New Rate
1-3 Hours	$0.00	$0.00
4 Hours	$405.00	$556.00
5 Hours	$506.25	$695.00
6 Hours	$607.50	$834.00
7 Hours	$708.75	$973.00
8 Hours	$810.00	$1,112.00
9+ Hours	$1,215.00	$1,668.00

UNDERGRADUATE	Old Rate	New Rate
1-3 Hours	$0.00	$0.00
4 Hours	$405.00	$556.00
5 Hours	$506.25	$695.00
6 Hours	$607.50	$834.00
7 Hours	$708.75	$973.00
8 Hours	$810.00	$1,112.00
9 Hours	$911.25	$1,251.00
10 Hours	$1,012.50	$1,390.00
11 Hours	$1,113.50	$1,529.00
12+ Hours	$1,215.00	$1,668.00

Notice
Dorm Room
Rate Increase
Fall 1997

	Old Rate	New Rate
Double Room	$490.00	$590.00
Single Room	$820.00	$990.00

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
NATCHITOCHES CAMPUS
SUMMER 1997
FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1997

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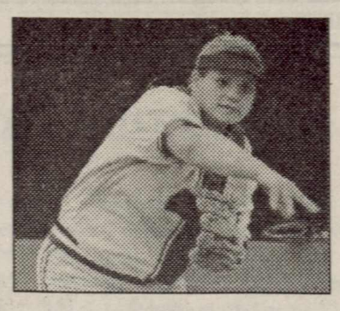
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FEE PAYMENT ENDS AT 4:30 PM EACH DAY

NOTE:
FEE PAYMENT WILL BE HELD IN PRATHER COLISEUM.
PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENTER AT ASSIGNED TIMES!

Students whose Fee Payment time conflicts with their class schedules ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THEIR SCHEDULED CLASS.

These students may pay their fees anytime AFIER their scheduled payment time, but not before their scheduled time!!!



Womens' softball team has successful weekend, see page 7 for details



Sauce reviewer interviews Corrosion of Conformity, see page 5 for details

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Six companies in running for five-year University food service contract

Heath Crawford
Contributing writer

Northwestern students may soon be seeing Aramark leave to make way for a new food service company.

Aramark, Northwestern's current food service provider, is in competition with five other companies for the new five-year lease. Marriott, Sodexco, McDonald's, Fine Host and Chartwells are all interested in the contract.

At a pre-proposal conference held on April 23, the six companies met with Fred Fulton,vice president of student affairs, and Peggy Crowder, director of purchasing, to go over the terms of the five-year lease.

The deadline for proposals is May 15. Fulton, Crowder and Carl Jones, vice president of fiscal affairs, will go over all of the proposals and make a decision as to which company will be awarded the lease.

The company that is awarded the lease will pay Northwestern a guaranteed minimum of $450,000 a year. How well the company does in sales will determine if the University receives more money in commissions.

Pricing of meal plans was also part of the discussion.

"There will be no price increase in the basic meal plan," Fulton said. "Whoever gets the new contract will have to offer affordable meal plans."

A minimum of two branded concepts operated seven days a week is also part of the University's proposal. Aramark brought in Chick-fil-a, but the University still requires one more brand business. Possible companies weren't discussed.

If Aramark isn't awarded the lease, its employees will be given the opportunity to apply to the new company for employment.

The former employees will go through the entire hiring process with the new company, according to Aramark's administration.

Frederick J. Free, regional vice president of Chartwells, was at the conference to find out if his company could profit from a venture with Northwestern.

"With a $450,000 lease and with the programs that have to be offered on top of that, we're looking at an 83-cent dollar," Free said. "I don't know if we can build sales up enough to make a noticeable profit."

Chartwells was just recently awarded the Louisiana State University food service contract.



Vice President of Academic Affairs Fred Fulton meets with representatives of six food service companies during last week's pre-proposal hearing.
photo courtesy of News Bureau

Associate professor of English to retire after 27 years of teaching

Michael L. Chaney
Contributing writer

Jo Smith, associate professor of English, will retire this summer after 27 years of teaching students at Northwestern.

Smith began her career here in the Fall of 1970 to fulfill her lifelong love of education and teaching. Early on she taught subjects that included linguistics, British literature, and history of language.



Smith

Today she teaches developmental English for students who have been out of school for a number of years.

"I myself would literally get sick to my stomach worrying about an English paper I had to do in college, but, somehow I managed to get an A on it," Smith said. "I have seen students helped tremendously by the developmental courses. The courses allow the developmental student the chance to ease into the college atmosphere without much trouble."

One regret she spoke of was the fact that she was not able to complete the course work needed to obtain her doctorate degree.

Smith has a love of religion and she plans on doing some Bible teaching during her travels after her retirement.

"The greatest change I have seen since the beginning of my career is the students," Smith said. "Students today don't seem ready for college work compared to 20 years ago."

Jokingly, Smith said she looks most forward to not ever having to look at another English paper.

"I plan on doing plenty of hand work, maybe some fiction writing," Smith said.

Smith will retire this July.

Media Board to interview candidates for media leadership positions

Sandy Baber
Contributing writer

The Media Board will meet to interview candidates for student media leadership positions on Wednesday, April 30 at 3:30 p.m. in Studio A of Kyser Hall.

The board will interview the candidates for the positions of Editor-in-Chief for the Current Sauce, Potpourri and Argus as well as General Manager of KNWD-FM. Applications for the positions were due on Thursday, April 24 in the Department of Journalism.

To be awarded the positions, the applicants must meet certain requirements. The applicants must be full-time undergraduates at Northwestern State University, have a 2.0 cumulative GPA, be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university, and have completed at least 45 credit hours as determined by the Office of the Registrar.

If a candidate is awarded the position and fails to uphold these requirements throughout his or her term, the applicant will be replaced.

The board consists of the Vice-President of External Affairs Jerry Pierce, as chair and SGA President, Alicia Thomas, as vice chair.

Other members include a designee of the University president, the head of the Department of Language and Communications, Dr. Gary Ross, the head of the Department of Journalism, Dr. Ron McBride, the head of the Scholar's College, Dr. Betsy Cochran, and five students with majors associated with media and/or experience requisite.

The students are nominated by the heads of the Department of Language and Communications and the Department of Journalism. The SGA President decides which students will be on the board, then the Senate approves the list.

The board will interview the candidates on Wednesday, April 30. The applicants will be asked general interview and ethical questions, according to Assistant Professor of Journalism, Steve Horton.

The unofficial results will immediately be given, but the results will not be official until the Senate approves them.

If the Senate rejects the recommendations of the Media Board, the application process will reopen and the board will reconvene.

President Webb and wife fund freshmen scholarship

Heath Crawford
Contributing writer

Northwestern students will have another opportunity to help them with the cost of college in the form of a new scholarship, thanks to Dr. Randall J. Webb and his wife, Brenda.

Webb, NSU president, gave $10,000 to the Northwestern Foundation to create a scholarship for freshmen in honor of his parents, Joe W. and Narvis Almand Webb. Webb feels that by awarding the scholarship to freshmen, it would attract more new students to Northwestern. The exact criteria is still being worked out between Webb, Tony Gustwick, director of institutional advancement, and Elise James, director of alumni affairs.

Of the $10,000, 25 percent would be retained as principle while the rest would be used for the awards. The scholarship could be given as early as this fall and each fall thereafter. If the awardee maintains a 3.0 average, the scholarship will continue through the spring semester.

"The amount of each award will be approximately $300 per semester," Gustwick said. "We won't know exactly until after the first year when we see how the interest does."

The Webbs gave an additional $2,000 to the Foundation, with $1,000 of that going to the library.

Webb's father, Joe W. Webb, taught chemistry for 20 years at NSU. He was a former secretary and one-time president of the Alumni Association. He was also the Director of Placement. Webb's father and mother are both graduates of Northwestern.



Webb

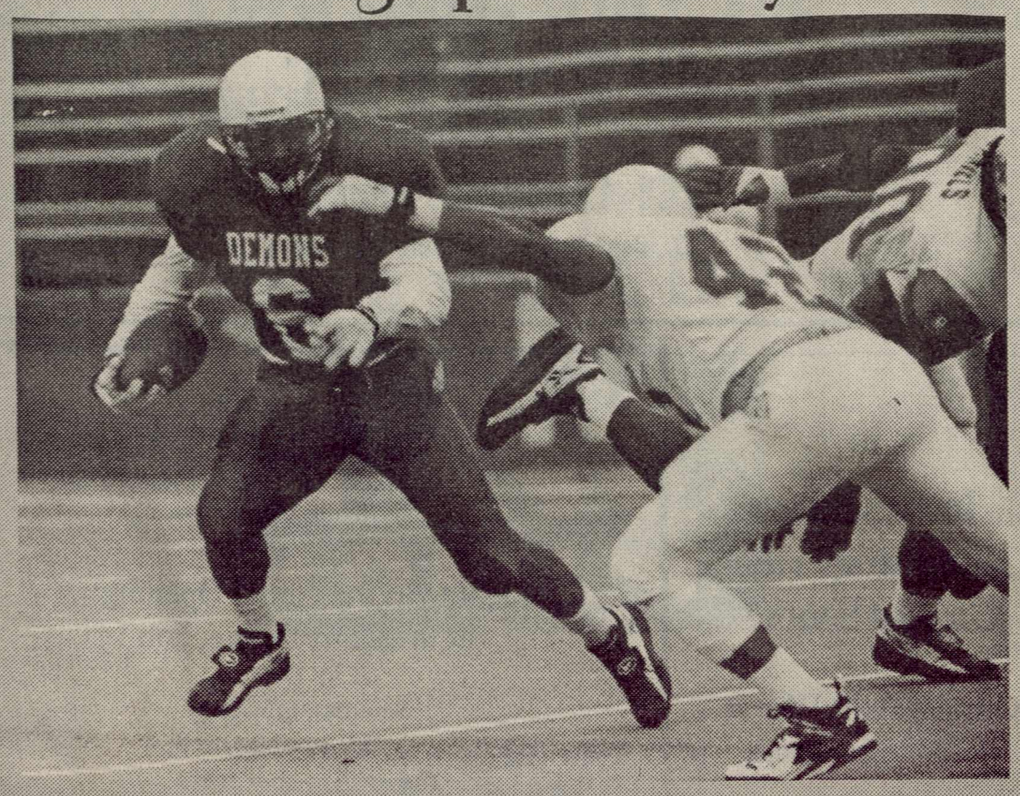
"I can think of no better way to honor my parents than to enhance the academic program of their beloved alma mater through a significant financial gift that will provide scholarship assistance to worthy students," Webb said. "They themselves steadfastly supported Louisiana State Normal and Northwestern throughout their adult lives and taught me the true meaning of love for one's alma mater. Brenda and I feel we must lead the way through financial commitment and personal sacrifice, if we are to ask others to give of their resources in support of this University that has meant so much to so many."

Approximately 50 members of the Webb family have attended Northwestern including himself, his wife, daughter and parents.

"I have mentioned on many occasions the deep love of my family, in particular my parents, Joe and Narvis Webb, have had for Northwestern as well as the

see Scholarship, page 2

Gearing up for next year



Northwestern football gets an early start during its pre-season weekend scrimmage. Photo courtesy of NSU news bureau

Student Union elevator construction to begin this fall

David Balcer
Contributing writer

Northwestern is in the early stages of constructing an elevator in the Student Union and it may be operational by this time next year.

The new elevator will be located in the northeast corner of The Alley. It will cut through the employee rest room on the second floor as well as part of the kitchen.

The elevator will end up next to the largest meeting room on the third floor.

"That was the only location where we could serve all three floors with one elevator," Loran Lindsey, director of the physical plant, said. "We will actually lose very little of our usable space in the facility, while at the same time gain access to all three floors."

Access to the third floor of the Union for handicapped student has been non-existent, and it is difficult for handicapped students to get from the first floor to the second floor without going around the Union.

According to Lindsey, the University decided that the lack of an elevator in the Student Union was a problem and this installation will correct that problem.

"The two buildings that we figured to affect the most students, faculty and staff, that had no elevator, was the Student Union building and Roy Hall," Lindsey said. "We had no choice but to alleviate the problems."

The elevator is in the early design stages now, and testing is presently being performed. The cost will be approximately $175,000 and will be funded through the state and not Northwestern.

Actual construction is expected to begin in August or September. After the construction begins, Lindsey said it should take a minimum of five to six months to complete.

News

Campus Connections

Campus Wide Day of Prayer
The second annual Campus Wide Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 1. The President's Room on the second floor of the Student Union will be set up for individual or group prayer. The room will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. for students, faculty and staff. Devotional material and Bibles will be available for use. This event is co-sponsored by the Wesley Westminster Foundation and the Baptist Student Union in conjunction with the 46th consecutive National Day of Prayer.

Phi Mu Fraternity
Dress up on Wednesday. The Toon Town exchange with TKE is Wednesday from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the TKE house. Dress up as your favorite cartoon character. If you want to be a committee head, pick up an application Wednesday at the house. Be sure to turn it in Sunday at the meeting. We will be selling raffle tickets in the Student Union Ballroom for Children's Miracle Network from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday. If you are planning to become an alumnae, you need to attend a meeting Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the Phi Mu house. Don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets from Carin, they are due Sunday. All this week we will be selling World's Finest Chocolate in the Student Union from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Call April Burris to sign up for a time. Congratulations to Gina Alcala for making Dallas Cowboys cheerleader and to Jamie Ott for making the University of Central Oklahoma danceline! A congratulations also goes to April Nix for being elected Purple Jackets vice president and to Terra Ebarb for being elected public relations chairman for Purple Jackets! Phi Mu Ladies are the best!!! Unfortunately the semester is coming to an end, which makes our last meeting Sunday. We love our Phi Mu sisters, so let's make the next few weeks memorable! Love in our bond forever!!!

Purple Jackets
Congratulations to our new officers: Elizabeth Storer, president; April Nix, vice president; Tara Lewis, secretary; Theresa Yousey, treasurer; Terria Ebarb, public relations. Don't forget about the installation ceremony Sunday, May 4 at 12:30 at Monjunis.

Sigma Sigma Sigma
Hey Sigmas, congratulations on Tri Sigma Week's success including our Formal and Founder's Day award winners. Also, congratulations to Brett Waguespack, our Man of the Year, and our two Beaus, Chris Muellier and Laban Levy. You all did an awesome job. Sigmas, do not forget about the track meet Wednesday at 3 p.m. All Panhellenic members and Rho Chis: the crawfish boil is May 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Freshman Connection II designed for non-traditional students

Michael L. Chaney
Contributing writer

This summer NSU will hold an orientational program, Freshman Connection II, designed specifically for the non-traditional student.

Unlike the two day traditional Freshman Connection, this will be a one day event tailored for the non-traditional student.

"Participants will be allowed to register early for fall classes while meeting with University administrators, faculty, staff and other nontraditional students," Gail Jones, director of New Student Programs, said.

The program has been implemented here at NSU due to an increase in nontraditional students. Statistics from the National Center for Educational Studies define the non-traditional student as any student who is 22 years or older.

The NCES statistics show that 60 percent of part-time students are female; a large portion are in the work force, caring for families and working toward a degree.

"A unanimous letter was written, by a student, to the president of the University, encouraging such a program and stressed their main interest of registering for courses and getting back to their families or work," Jones said.

During summer orientation the student will complete the registration process leaving only fee payment, the purchase of books, taking of ID photos and vehicle registration to be done when the student returns for the fall semester.

"Since many of the non-traditional students are female, Ladies Night at NSU will be offered to students as an informational meeting to get acquainted with all the University has to offer," Jones said.

ROTC cadets complete local officer training course

Hank Thomas
Contributing writer

ROTC cadets recently participated in a major field training exercise at Camp Beauregard in Pineville.

The exercise consisting of ROTC units from Northeast Louisiana University, Grambling and Northwestern kicked off on April 17 and ended April 20. The focus of the exercise was to prepare Junior level cadets for Advanced Camp 1997 at Fort Lewis, Wa.

Northwestern cadets had the opportunity to train in a camp environment with cadets from around the state. The training provided by Northwestern R.O.T.C. is invaluable to these soon to be army officers.

Basic rifle marksmanship was the first event they participated in. NSU cadets qualified with their M-16 rifles on a range with both NLU and Grambling cadets.

Later that day, they challenged their land navigation skills on Camp Beauregard's challenging night land navigation course.

The cadets all start from the same point deep in the forest and travel out in different directions with only their luminescent compass to guide them. They searched for points until the early hours of the morning.

The following morning, Northwestern's cadets had a long day of platoon operations.

This event combines all the tactical skills they learned. The cadets are placed in a high stress light infantry environment for the purpose of evaluating their leadership skills. Each cadet is placed into leadership position at least once so that they can learn what to expect at camp this summer.

Scholarship

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velous influence they have had on my life," Webb said.

Webb encourages Northwestern supporters to consider honoring members of their families or faculty or staff of Northwestern , who have had a significant impact on their lives.

"Through endowed scholarships, professorships, or chairs, the names of those we hold dear will forever be enshrined, and Northwestern will be a better and stronger University," Webb said.

Compressed video to become part of distance learning programs

David Deggs
Contributing writer

Northwestern will begin to offer classes via compressed video as a new part of the University's continued commitment to distance learning that began fall 1997.

The compressed video system operates on a telephone line which has two-way video and audio capability, making it possible for the professor to communicate with the class at another satellite campus.

"The changes in technology have redefined what distance learning is," said Dr. Ron McBride, journalism department head. "With the use of compressed video all courses can be taught and there are no geographic boundaries."

"NSU does more than any other university in the state in the field of distance learning," said McBride. "NSU has been at it (distance learning) since about 1990. We have truly been a pioneer in the field."

The video compression system provides another alternative other than driving to Natchitoches for a class.

"The instruction is just as good as what a student would receive in the class at the main campus," McBride said.

The video compression system will be sensible both in ter-ms of cost and efficiency in providing classes to other campuses. It will allow for NSU to specialize and share its expertise in many fields.

NSU's video compression system has seven sites, which include the main campus, Cenla, Alexandria, Shreveport, Leesville/Fort Polk, Bunkie, Ferriday and Winnfield. The classes taught in Ferriday, Bunkie and Winnfield will be taught at hospitals for nursing majors.

The vision of the compressed video system is to someday through the increase of technology have a virtual university.

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Webb plans to continue moving University in positive direction

Casey Kilgore
Contributing writer

As he completes his first year as Northwestern's president, Dr. Randall J. Webb wants to continue moving NSU toward being the best.

"My overriding goal is to provide a top quality academic experience for out students, supported by excellent services, " Webb said.

Webb said that by the year 2000, he hopes to have every program that is eligible for accreditation to be accredited. Recently accreditation was granted to the business program by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, and he hopes that full accreditation of the journalism, and family and consumer sciences programs will soon follow.

Another plan Webb has put into action is an assessment team made up of students and faculty that visits other college campuses. The team looks into every aspect of the University and reports back to Webb with their observations and what changes, if any, can be made.

Wanting to make NSU more student oriented, Webb also started the open door policy last fall. Students can make appointments to speak to Webb, or can e-mail him.

"I feel as though this has worked well and helped up to listen to students' concerns and try to help students," Webb said.

Other steps taken on campus this year have been dorm renovations at Rapides Hall, implementing the use of NSU-22 to broadcast campus activities and the opening of Chik-fil-A.

So what is in store for the future of NSU?

Webb said he wants to continue to look at what NSU is doing and strive to improve it.

"What I would like to accomplish here is to recruit good students, retain them, graduate them and for them to be satisfied with the experience," Webb said.

Webb was appointed by the University of Louisiana Board of Trustees April 26, 1996 and took office July 1, 1996.

Freshman Connection dates set

Amy E. Lambre
Contributing writer

The Freshman Connection 1997 Summer Orientation and Registration Program will be held this summer for incoming freshmen.

Freshman Connection is a two-day orientation program for incoming freshmen. There are four sessions to attend.

The dates for the sessions are June 5-6, June 19-20, June 26-27 and July 17-18. The cost of the program is $75 per student.

The fee includes lodging, lunch and dinner on the first day and breakfast and lunch on the second day.

There are many advantages of attending Freshman Connection. Students get to register for classes early and will have the opportunity to meet upperclassmen and other incoming freshmen.

New Student Programs Director Gail Jones, has put a lot of positive energy and enthusiasm into this program.

"The most important reason to attend Freshman Connection is to learn about your surroundings and the terminology that comes with college life," Jones said.

Freshman Connection is specially designed for the incoming freshmen so that when the student returns to the campus in the fall they will have an understanding of the campus and all that it has to offer.

Upon returning to the campus in the fall, all the student has to do is pay fees, buy books, and take an ID picture.

Students who do not attend Freshman Connection will have to register at regular fall registration and are required to attend a mandatory orientation meeting Aug. 25 and 26. Any student with less than 30 hours must attend this meeting, including transfer students.

Acting Registrar Lillie Bell believes that the major benefits of attending Freshman Connection are the advising for registration and getting the classes they need before others do.

High-Definition TV a large technological advancement; will not reach University level for 10 to 15 years

Amy Haney
Contributing writer

Television as it is presently known may be rendered obsolete by digital television.

Digital television, or HD-TV, is an advanced television technology that offers a wider, more three-dimensional picture and stereo quality sound. HD-TV technology, from broadcasting equipment to digital television sets, was on exhibit at the recent National Association of Broadcasting Conference in Las Vegas, which was attended by Northwestern's broadcast employees.

The price of the new HD-TV technologies may be too high for both consumers and television stations to afford, according to NSU's Producer Director for the Department of Journalism, David Antilley. The price of a digital television set is from $2,000 to $3,000.

In spite of the cost, salespeople for the companies which produce HD-TV technology predict that by the year 2000, 50 percent of Americans will have HD-TV in their homes. Antilley, however, said that most people at the NAB Conference disagreed with that prediction.

Not only does HD-TV require new television sets, but it also calls for television stations to buy new digital television broadcasting equipment.

"A lot of television stations won't be able to afford the new equipment," Antilley said. Larger networks, such as NBC and ABC, will have to begin broadcasting HD-TV long before the technology becomes financially available to smaller stations.

Digital television will probably not affect broadcasting at NSU for at least 10 to 15 years, Antilley commented.

"There is a definite difference in the quality [of HD-TV]," he said. "Until the price goes way down, I don't think it'll catch on."

New "Greek Row" could be completed in two years; preliminary plans to begin in May

Andrew Kolb
Contributing writer

Northwestern's 10-year quest to create a new area for fraternity and sorority housing could be completed within two years, according to Assistant Director of Student Activities Reatha Cox.

The area for the proposed "Greek Row" will more than likely be on Chaplin's Lake next to the Kappa Sigma fraternity house and should be completed within two to five years, Cox said.

The project has been in the works since 1986. Cox said that process has been so slow because of the amount of involvement the University will have in the construction.

"This is going to take a large commitment of time and money from the University," Cox said. "It is ultimately the administration's decision. They will decide when the resources are available and when the time is right."

A committee is being formed and will tentatively meet in mid-May to start discussing the preliminaries of the project, Cox said.

This committee will consist of several members of faculty and staff, and will work on a proposal to present to Dr. Randall J. Webb, Cox said. After this stage is passed, other committees will be formed to decide on other details. These committees will include students Cox said.

"We want the students to take an active part in the process," Cox said.

Several fraternities and sororities already have the money to build new houses, Cox said.



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NSU-22 attempting to extend newscasts through summer

Rhett Crosby
Contributing writer

The Northwestern Journalism Department said students schedules will decide whether NSU will continue its newscast throughout the summer.

At this time the decision is up in the air whether or not there will be a summer newscast on NSU 22. The station is presently trying to extend its newscast for the summer. There is a problem however because the new three-week schedule for summer school sessions may limit staff. NSU 22 needs students who can work all summer.

David Antilley, producer and director of the Department of Journalism, said without the students working for the station there will be no news.

Antilley hopes the students who are working on their practicum will volunteer to work for the station this summer.

With or without the news, NSU 22 will still air special events.

NSU 22 will still broadcast the Classical Arts Showcase, occasional town meetings, teleconferences and special events, Antilley said.

New channel to be in place for dorms

Kris Collinsworth
Contributing writer

Northwestern State will have a new channel in its lineup next fall.

Channel-21, or Residence Hall Cinema, will be an internal channel only for students that live on campus. The new channel will cost nothing to students due to the increase in dorm fees.

According to Harold Boutte', director of Auxiliary Services, the network will consist of a bulletin board that will list weekly current events. The channel will also incorporate movies. The new channel will also have previews of movies to come. It will have educational programming on such topics as time management and date rape.

"I am very excited about it," Boutte' added. "It is a good package. I feel that the students can benefit a lot from it."

Northwestern State is currently accepting bids and hopes to have the program implemented by August 1.

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Features

Corrosion of Conformity talks with Sauce reporter; tell stories of Japan, Australia

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

Corrosion of Conformity, or COC to most of us, have been on tour with Metallica since August in support of their most recent release, "Wiseblood." They played Saturday at the Cajundome in Lafayette and if you missed it, you missed a killer show.

I was impressed with how well COC managed to cover the massive amount of stage area that Metallica let them use, which was half of the double-sided stage that Metallica's crew set up.

The crowd response was incredible, COC put on a high energy show and drummer Reed Mullin played an unbelievably tight set even while doing backing vocals. All in all, I have to say I was impressed. In particular, it did my heart good to see the crowd mouthing the words to "Albatross," "Clean My Wounds," and "Drowning in a Daydream."

Oh yeah, the ending to the evening's festivities was pretty kickin, too. Suffice it to say that Metallica had pyro galore, a bungee jumping light crew and even a dude on fire. What more could you ask for—COC on the big stage and a hella pyrotechnical display from Metallica. Life, my friends, is a good thing.

Anyway, I was able to have a little talk with COC bassist Mike Dean on the tour bus before the show. Here's a run down on what he had to say:

How's the tour with Metallica going?

Mike: Pretty good. It's a good opportunity to reach out to people that don't have the slightest idea who we are. It's a lot of fun, and Metallica are pretty down to earth. They've extended some good hospitality toward us, so it's real good.

Do ya'll get to meet many of your fans when you're doing a tour like this?

Mike: Yeah. There's people that are fans of both bands and there's people that come to see us, for whatever reason—it's kind of strange since we only play for forty minutes. But, yeah, we definitely encounter people who I would describe as our fans.

How was the crowd response in Japan? You guys did three shows, right, and that was without Metallica?

Mike: Right, it was just us headlining and playing with a Japanese band called Outrage. It was insane, a really good response, very interesting. We had never been there before, so it's amazing just to go there and see some place that's fifteen hours away by plane and be able to check out the culture. It's gravy on top of that to be able to play shows there.

So you actually had time to go out into the towns and check out the scene in Japan?

Mike: Yeah, we went and explored a little bit. We had a day off in Osaka. Everybody but me went out to Kyoto to see the old city there. I went to check out a couple of castles and things like that. It was pretty interesting. We'd go out all the time and just hang.



Corrosion of Conformity from left to right: are Mike Dean, Woody Weatherman, Reed Mullin and Pepper Keenan.

Is there any place where COC haven't gone yet, but would like to tour?

Mike: Yeah, I think South America would be really good for us. Also, Australia even more. We get a lot of letters from there. We meet people from there who come up to North America to see shows. Also, a lot of bands that we know who have played down there say that it's just amazing. Actually, we met a lot of people from Australia in Japan, too. They were the only people with good weed—or with weed at all.

I see a fan letter on the table here. Do you guys get a lot of that?

Mike: Yeah, we get more than we could ever really respond to, so we don't, really. Some of it, we do. Prisoners, we definitely try to respond to first—prisoners and girls.

Will COC be headlining any shows here in the states?

Mike: Yeah, as soon as we're done with this, at the very end of this Metallica tour up in western Canada. We might just start in Seattle headlining our own shows down through the West Coast. Or we might take a month off and then do the same thing. We're going to do it this summer at some point. We're just trying to find a good bill, a good package, somebody interesting to play with.

Are you guys working on any new material for the follow up to "Wiseblood?"

Mike: Not as much as we'd like because we're in this touring situation where you're working on that all the time. We don't have the opportunity to really have a sound check and to mess around with stuff like that. We pursue it a little bit on our own, and a little bit together. Actually, when we start to headline and we have a sound check to noodle around in, that's where all our original ideas can come together a little more and gel. With us, it's not a matter of coming up with material. The hard part is weeding through it to decide what you what to use.

Pepper lives back in New Orleans now, doesn't he? So that might make it more difficult to get new songs together.

Mike: Best I know, Pepper lives on this bus. He's got a place in New Orleans and in North Carolina, he's looking to get a place. He was more or less homeless—now he's looking to have two homes. But it doesn't much matter since we're always on tour. People ask me where I live. I'm like 'Uh—that bus over there.'

At one time, COC's lyrics seemed more politically charged. Now it seems like they're more introspective. Why the change?

Mike: Kind of a gradual change, really. I think it's something that's difficult to do really artfully and in a way that doesn't sound like you're just substituting slogans for lyrics after a while. I don't have any objection to it per say, but I think in order to write songs that are more enduring, it's actually better to leave something to the listener's imagination and interpretation, and to make it a little more challenging than just trying to ram some sort of rhetoric down their throat. I think we have a lot of the same feelings about any of the subjects that we've sung about before, but they're not necessarily things that are best expressed in a three minute pop song. I think some of these things require a little more analysis, that's all.

I know you guys did a cover of "Lord of this World" for the Black Sabbath tribute album "Nativity in Black." Have you ever gotten any feedback from Sabbath as far as what they thought of the cover?

Mike: Actually, I read an article about two years ago when that came out. It was Ozzy describing each track on 'Nativity in Black.' I believe the track that he did was with Therapy. If you heard it, it doesn't even come close comparing with the real Black Sabbath. Yet, in describing our song, he said 'Why does everyone want to accentuate on the slow aspects of Black Sabbath?' It sounds like we were on sleeping pills, some kind of ridiculous response like that. So yeah, Ozzy, I don't think he dug it, but that's alright.

When you read negative press, do you take it personally?

Mike: Not usually. I usually find it pretty motivational. I tend to respond to adversity in a positive way, turn it around. You'd have to go pretty far to make me take it personally.

What about the positive stuff?

Mike: Sometimes, when you see approval from sources that you don't really respect, that can definitely make you stop and think, too. But generally, we thrive on approval, too—either way.

My friend Al, a guy we call the "King of All Metal," told me that he read in Kerrang where you guys might be leaving Columbia records. Is that true?

Mike: He read that in Kerrang? Wow. No, probably not, unless something really weird happens. They're doing the paperwork to exercise their option for another record. After that, we don't have contractual obligations to each other. So, perhaps after one more, there could be some sort of change around. They fired our A & R person, who's the person who got us signed, who's an old friend of ours. So it's a little bit of a challenge to go on without him, but still, we have a good relationship with them.

Do you ever feel like you wish things could be like they were before you ever got signed in the first place?

Mike: The fact is, we go and do what we want to do regardless. We don't conform our approach. Our motivation is not centered around 'We're gonna create this music that's gonna to be mainstream," or whatever. Our approach is that we create music that we want to create, and if it happens to go that way, fine. If it doesn't, well, that's how it is. We just gotta be true to ourselves and do what we want to do to keep ourselves interested in what we do. I just want to play music, so any means necessary, within reason, that doesn't f—k anybody else over or compromise what we're about, I'm for.

Graduating Seniors who did not attend a financial aid exit interview will need to attend an interview on Friday, May 16.
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Sauce reviewer returns to usual fare; Deadman Circus, Avernus, Flotsam and Jetsam and Obituary

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DEADMAN CIRCUS

DeadMan Circus
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DeadMan Circus are a local band that shouldn't have to stay local too long if they continue down the road they're on now. They put on a good live show and for a demo, sifting through the barristers sounds hella good.

Anyway, the tape starts off with a song called "Mistake," which is probably my favorite on the album. It starts off a bit mellow and then kicks into high gear like a good UFC match.

I particularly like the way vocalist Brandon Smith manages to get as much range from his voice as he does. He goes from booty smooth to hella rough without missing a beat.

This song is a good representation of the overall ability of DeadMan Circus and not at all a bad way to begin the tape.

"Cursed" definitely sounds like it may have a touch of Crowbar as its influence, and that's no small compliment to the guys in DeadMan Circus. The song has something of a slower groove, but it's vicious nonetheless.

I think "Promise Kept" is the heaviest track on the disc and the one that really gives DeadMan Circus the opportunity to show us just how tight they can be.

But my second favorite track on the disc would have to be "P.F.H." about the Psychic Friends Hotline. It's got a catchy groove and lyrics that speak the message that we'd all like to send out to Dionne Warwick and her circle of "For Entertainment Only" rip-off friends.

All in all, DeadMan Circus are a band that you definitely want to get in on at the ground level, cuz after they become rich and famous and you can't afford a ticket to their concert, it'll be your own fault that you have to stay home if you didn't support them on the way up.

This is a good demo and definitely worth getting a copy of. Besides, you want to be able to say you knew them "way back when," don't ya? Thought so.

silverchair
FREAK SHOW
epic records/sony music



Silverchair have actually been getting some pretty good airplay on national radio, and it's not hard to figure out why. I like Freak Show for so many reasons, it's hard to pick just a few.

First of all, of course, the music kicks butt, especially for stuff that's commercially accessible. Silverchair even seem to have a bit of punk influences in their mix, but they manage to pull it off in a way that works.

Their music is catchy with a touch of edge—not enough to make Napalm Death turn and run the other way by any means, but at least enough edge to keep me from hating it, which is no small feat.

Most of all, though, I really like the lyrics on Freak Show. They're all introspective and Silverchair get high marks for honesty in this category.

Anybody can sit down and write crap about the world around them, that's easy enough. But when a person can sit down and use his pen to put his soul to paper, now that's another story altogether.

It can't be easy to bare your naked soul to the world, and I appreciate the fact that Silverchair do it anyway.

The vocals at times remind me of Kurt Cobain, but in light of all the killer stuff on the disc, I'll forgive them for that. Besides, the CD comes with a Multimedia portion, and you know how much I love free crap, so this one's a keeper for sure.

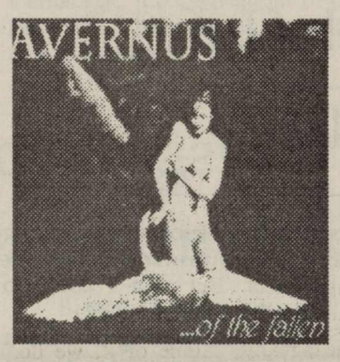
AVERNUS
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I first heard of Avernus on the Metal Massacre XII album put out by MetalBlade. It caught my attention, and I knew that even if MetalBlade didn't pick it up, somebody else would.

Avernus make mellow music that's got a totally ethereal feel to it. It combines influences that span the globe and then some. When you listen to Of the Fallen, one minute you're at an Irish funeral and the next, you're attending a festival on the outskirts of hell.

Needless to say, it makes for an interesting combination.

It's kind of weird to say, but if Wayne Newton and James Hetfield ever combined souls and gave a concert in the deepest part of the netherworld, Avernus would have to be what that would sound like. They have the weirdest mix of nasty and nice that I've ever heard.



Avernus apparently aren't afraid to go into unexplored territory and claim a little piece of it for themselves. They've combined keyboards, guitars and synthesizers to create a sound that I really can't say reminds me of anybody else that I've ever heard.

So either I don't know enough about Gothic music, or Avernus truly are creating original music that others are going to come behind and try to replicate.

FLOTSAM and JETSAM
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MetalBlade Records



I love the new Flotsam and Jetsam record. It reminds me of listening to old-school Metal back in the days before hairspray and spandex overtook the stage.

This is what Metal sounded like long before boys with false eyelashes who wore lipstick that was louder than their music came trundling along, and the people started "Rockin with Dokken."

No offense intended to those of you who still crank out Poison through the speakers of your Iroc Z while sporting about town. Unless, of course, you have a personalized "My Roc" plate—in that case please, by all means, be offended.

Yeah, I know, I went off on a little tangent there. It's just that I've been waiting for so long for something old-school to just come flying out of nowhere and blow my mind completely away, and now that it finally has, I don't know how to behave.

I want so bad for something like this to blow Jewel right off the charts, I can hardly stand it.

This is killer material we're talking about here, Estelle. The lyrics are clean, the vocals are raw, the rhythm section is tight and the guitars rock harder than anything that's come forth from the Hallowed Halls of Metaldom in ages.

Put is this way—if you think Bush is heavy and you've never even heard of Iron Maiden, then you need to add this disc to your collection immediately.

Educate yourself. You're a student in dire need of learning, and Flotsam and Jetsam are here to teach you.

OBITUARY
BACK FROM THE DEAD
Roadrunner Records

Obituary have so much more to give us than just the standard fare that Death Metal all too often has to offer.

They don't just keep the guitars going with fingers flyin 90-to-nothing.

Obituary take it down in all the right places and bring it back up with just the right touch of fury. Obituary cover everything from the slower grooves to the thrash material and constantly keep the sound fresh.

I particularly like John Tardy's vocals on this disc. He masters his voice in a way that adds the perfect



finish to the guitar riffs and he doesn't come off sounding like he's been sucking on Draino drops.

A lot of vocalists these days seem to think that the only way to sound heavy is to have your vocal chords removed and replace them with the muffler of a pickup truck.

Tardy doesn't go in that direction by a long shot, and he still manages to come across sounding like the guy that could give Freddy Kruger nightmares.

Believe it or not, Obituary have even been in Billboard's Top 40 both in Germany and Finland. I think it's pretty sad that here in the US, they'd be lucky to get radio airplay on the college stations.

And it's not that Obituary and other Metal bands don't deserve to be in the Top 40 here too, cuz god knows they work harder than any of the "overnight sensation" bands that are on Billboard today.

I think it's just that most people today like to live in a certain comfort zone where they can pretend that life is all honey bees and roses, but when you listen to bands like Obituary, it doesn't take long to find out that that aint so.

I think Obituary guitarist Trevor Peres summed it up best when he said, "All those college kids that go see a band like No Doubt and thrash about in a pit, need to go see Obituary." Yes, Lord, they do.

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Our View

Just what are you trying to prove?

The Oklahoma bombing, the Branch Davidians in Waco, recent attempts to bomb a Texas power plant and now those nuts in Texas that are trying to secede from the union - What do all these occurances have in common? They are all futile attempts to take a stand against the ever growing power of the United States.

Such incidents have become an all too often trend with anti government societies. Bombings and shoot-outs with ATF agents do gain a lot of attention because of the mass destruction of property and human life. But do these misguided and poorly aimed bombs do any thing but maim and kill innocent bystanders that have no involvement with the so called "tyrannical government?"

"Acts of violence like the Oklahoma City bombing committed in the name of patriotism are just as cowardly as the terrorist bombings of the middle eastern fanatics."

No. They really don't. And while we as a society should not condone the growth of our government, there is no way that this kind of behavior by radicals should be tolerated.

There are far too many ways for people to express themselves and bring about change without bombing federal buildings and killing hundreds of innocent civilians at the same time. Acts of violence like the Oklahoma City bombing committed in the name of patriotism are just as cowardly as the terrorist bombings of the middle eastern fanatics.

You might be wondering how you, as a responsible and sane citizen, should express your views to the public. No, we are not going to tell you to "rock the vote," even though that too is important.

What we are going to point out is that everyone must find their own special way to express their opinions. Some people choose art to show their views of society while others, like the Current Sauce editorial staff, write what they think for the public to read.

In other words, if you want to get something done, try to find a positive and reasonably healthy way to get it done. Just don't go around bombing things.

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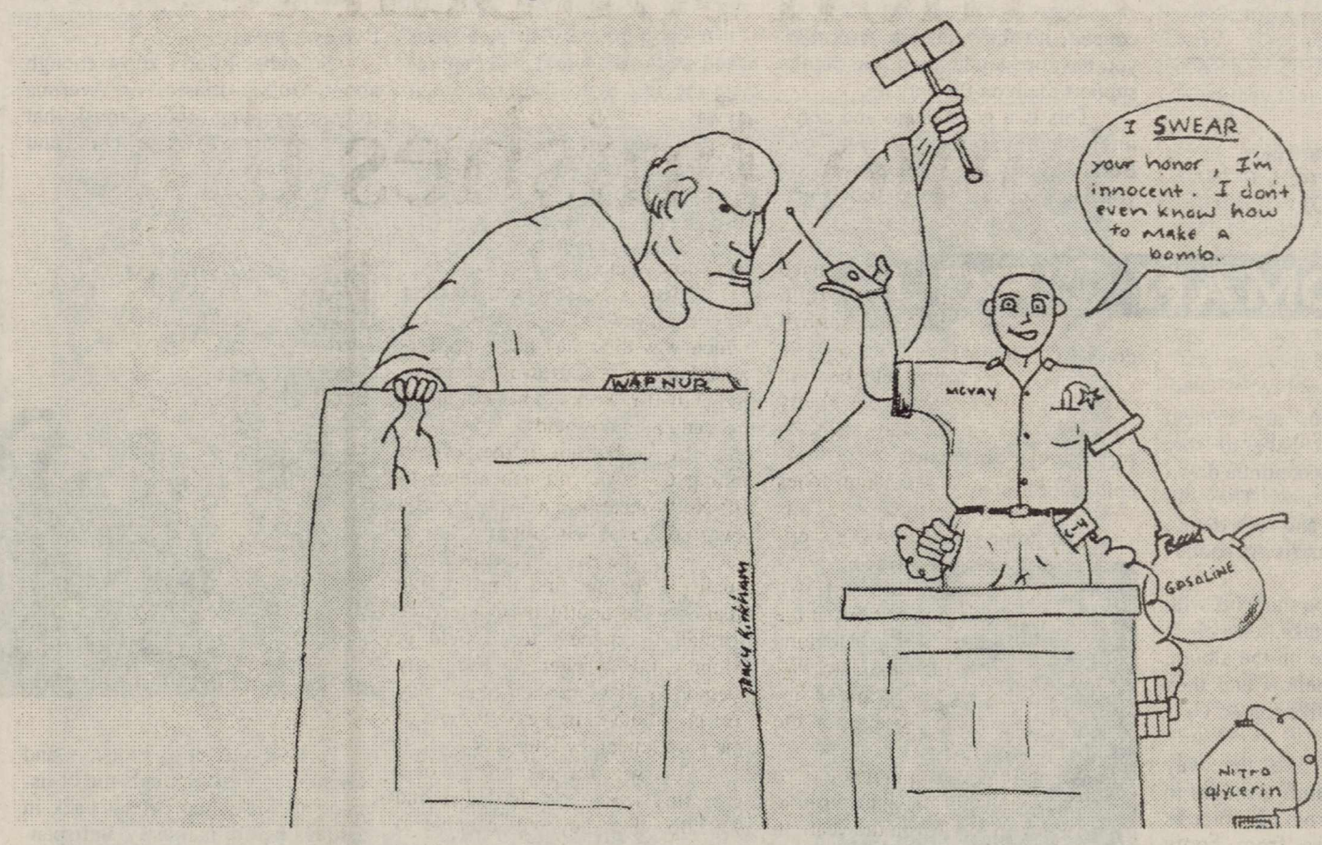
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Anyone can tell McVeigh's innocence by his harmless appearance



Columnist focuses on "the final push" for seniors and post graduation problems

The Gospel of Jeff

Jeff Burkett

Longer are the days and shorter become the nights as we take the last turn in the track and head toward finals.

The more I think about cramming that last bit of useless information into my head the larger my headache grows, as well as the list of "finals excuses" I prepare every semester.

I sit here and write this column only to avoid doing that final paper, reading that last (or possibly the first) chapter in my never-before-opened textbook, or even answering the always unanswered homework assignment. But then I come to think, is this really the end?

Am I finally going to make it out of here? I know I can see the illusive "light at the end of the tunnel", but is it the grand finale...or just an oncoming freight-train of disaster.

I am at the point in my college career where I have to ask, is Northwestern ready to let go of me...or am I ready to let go of Northwestern?

When I think about the hassles, the long lines, the doors being closed in my face, and the rotten food, hell yes I'm ready to leave!

But when I think about the days of skipping class, the jokes that friends and I have played on each other, the afternoons at Chaplains lake, the evenings just sitting around doing nothing, and YES even some of the things I've learned and experienced, I'm not so sure that I can honestly say that it is time to go.

Surprised you huh? You know they say college is the real world, really it's not. We are given a place to live, our meals are provided for us (some of us), we are surrounded by like minded people, and we are guaranteed a good time if we try. It is kind of like High School...just no parents. But now the real world awaits (No, not the Mtv kind either) to swallow us up. Now is the time for each of us to sink or swim, literally!

It is sad to say, but not everyone will make it after college. Some will go off and be successful, others will never find that job that they have been studying for all these years, some will start families, and some will even die...I know it sucks...but that is reality, that is the real world.

Now as we all start to make the final push to exams and the summertime, the freshmen dream of no longer being on the bottom, the seniors start the never ending job search, the incoming high schoolers begin to get giddy, the faculty groans at the sight of another borage of excuse wielding newcomers, and I look at my time at NSU...I have to look back and say thanks....thanks for the memories, to all of you. See you somewhere down the road.
Later!

Letters to the Editor

NSU student finds "West Side Story" review unfair and biased

Dear Mr. Editor:

My name is Joseph Wolfe. I am a sophomore here on the NSU campus and am in pursuit of a degree in mathematics. I am writing to you because I disliked the Editorial published by "The Current Sauce" written by Melanie Romero. She, in the April 22, 1997 publication, analyzed "West Side Story" presented by the NSU theatre department. From the beginning it seems that she does not intend to present a fair review of the musical. She says that the performance lacked real conviction. What was she watching? I am not an art major in any form, but even I could see that the actors were very well rehearsed and moved with 'real conviction.' Ms. Romero also said that the musical "possessed few strong solo voices." All of the solos presented were marvelous.

The solos performed by the characters Teresita and Tony were so beautiful and moving, I was in awe. Here are two examples of the "strong solo voices," and there were others. It seems by the continual critic of characters that Ms. Romero was looking for something about which to complain. She criticizes the character Chauvin's singing when he sang with Hodgdon and said that their voices did not blend. She totally destroys the girls' parts although I believe that they did a wonderful job.

It just seems to me that as the editor, Mr. Editor~you should have given your employee her walking papers for the job she did. This is her opinion of the musical, isn't it your responsibility for the success of your paper to require her to consider other people's opinions? Katrina Manuel for example gives "West Side Story" a very high appraisal as well do I and do most of the people to whom I have spoken. You are the Editor and you can print whatever you want, but if that is the kind of garbage you are going to print, I will refuse to read it.

Joseph Wolfe

Sauce reviewer justifies her work from critics

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to negative feedback of my reviews, in particular the last one on "West Side Story." Although I don't make it a habit of justifying my opinions I would like to make a few clarifications about the nature of Theatre critiques.

The first point I would like to address is my credentials. Before I began college my life was devoted to the performing arts including singing, dancing, and acting. I have taken many classes, participated in countless productions, directed and stage managed a few, competed at competitions, and even won a few awards. During these years I also wrote many reviews and even a couple promotional pieces for plays printed in The Advocate. My work on all of these endeavors was consistently considered better than average.

The second point I feel needs attention involves the nature of critical reviews. Critiques are meant to be an analysis of the good and bad aspects of a performance, not just to heap undeserved praise onto the entire world of the Arts. Just as there will always be performers there will always be critiquers. Anyone pursuing a career in the Arts must come to terms with this and learn to digest the criticism with the professional attitude required of aspiring professionals. Reviewers possess a purpose just as actors do. The College level of theatre provides a learning environment for those wishing to pursue a career in the arts. Shouldn't these individuals also become acquainted with the integral part a frank reviewer plays, too?

My final point addresses the nature of my reviews. They are my opinion, and mine only. One voice feeling the desire to write her opinion on paper. This is something I've always wanted to do, much like those actors who have always wanted to "make it big." NSU's Theatre Department is giving them a chance. The Current Sauce is giving me mine. (note) I would also like to clarify that the Current Sauce staff writes the headlines for my reviews and I feel they have his represented my intentions in the review for "West Side Story."

Thank you for reading,
Melanie Romero

A response to last week's column about borrowing money from financial aid

In response to the column in last week's Current Sauce, it is a Northwestern guideline as well as a federal guideline that all students who have taken out student loans to complete an exit interview upon and give the student a record of their loan history before repayment begins. This is a service to the student so they are not caught unaware when repayment actually begins.

Student programs are provided as a service to the students. It is a great opportunity to have the chance to obtain a college degree, however many students are not financially prepared to do so.

However it is very unfair and demeaning for students to stereotype their peers, faculty or staff members who are only trying to help the student. When someone is stereotyped no one benefits, and it is only hurtful to the victim. A person should not be stereotyped by their race, religion or yes even by their accent. With the diversity that college life brings it is easier if everyone remains open-minded to others rather than judging them unfairly, before actually learning about them on a personal basis.

Gil Gilson, director of Financial Aid

Sports

Lady Demon softball team sweeps Texas San Antonio finishes third in the SLC

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

The Lady Demon softball team had a great week splitting a doubleheader with Louisiana Tech, the 21st ranked team in the country, and then sweeping Texas San Antonio in a three game series in Natchitoches to finish the season in third place in the Southland Conference.

The Lady Demons started the week playing a double header with Louisiana Tech in Ruston. In the first game, the Lady Demons played well as Becca Allen with a three run double gave the Lady Demons all the runs they needed in a 3-1 win.

In game two, Misty Carraway drove out a two run homer and added a RBI double to lift the Lady Demons to a early 3-0 lead. Tech came back and converted three Northwestern errors into four runs and the Lady Demons lost the game 4-3.

The Lady Demons then came back home for a crucial three game conference series with Texas- San Antonio.

The Lady Demons needed to win two out of three games to make sure that they would get a berth in the Southland Conference softball tournament.

The top six teams get a berth in the tournament and the Lady Demons started the day in sixth place in the conference.

In the first game Shante' Jones hit a three RBI triple and was brought home by a Carraway sacrifice fly for a early 4-0 lead.

Texas-San Antonio got two runs to cut the lead to 5-2 but in the sixth inning the Lady Demons erupted for five runs as Carraway had a two out three run triple to finish off the scoring barrage for the Lady Demons.

Jennifer Owens pitched well in the game and got the win pushing her record up to 13-7 on the year. In the second game the Lady Demons took a early 1-0 lead. Heather Cavin and Linette Stuart then hit RBI singles to push the Lady Demon lead up to 3-0.

Texas-San Antonio rallied in the top of the sixth to cut the lead to 3-2 but the Lady Demons held on for the 3-2 victory. On Sunday two Lady Demon seniors played their last home games.

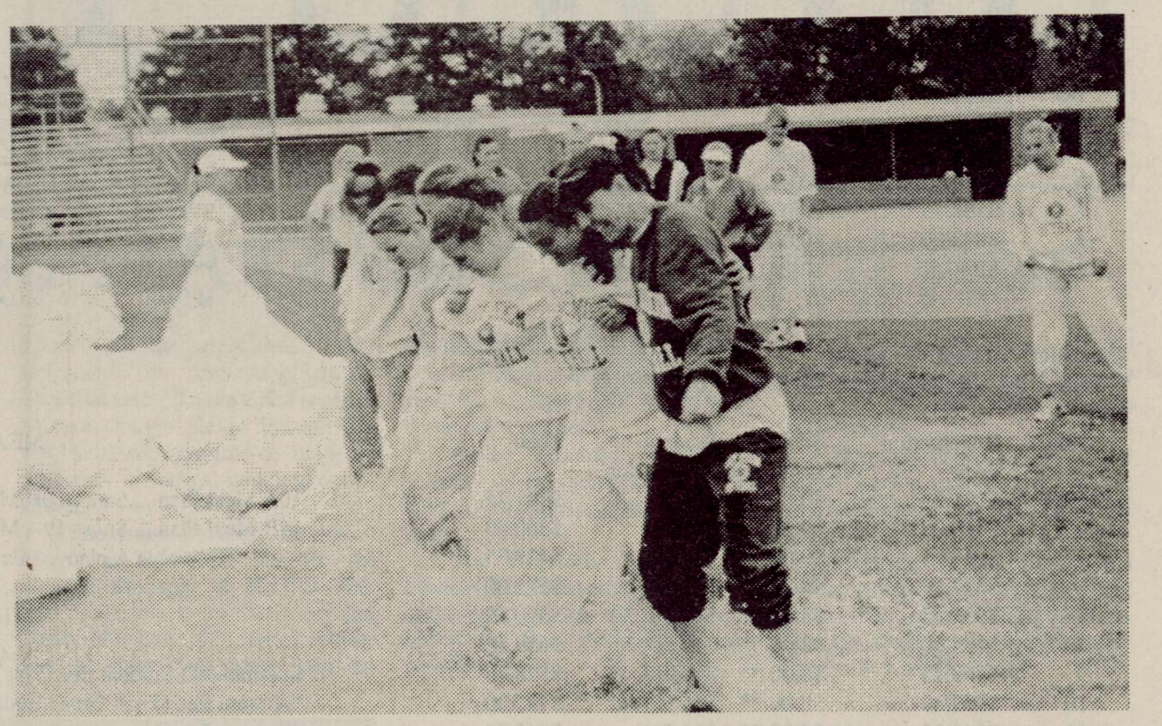
Misty Carraway and Heather Cavin played well in this game which was their last home appearance but it was Carraway who provided the fireworks in her last at bat on Lady Demon Field.

In the bottom of the seventh inning Carraway hit a homerun to lift Northwestern to a 5-4 win and a sweep of Texas-San Antonio.

With the wins Northwestern qualified for the first time in five years for the Southland Conference softball tournament to be held in Monroe this weekend. The Lady Demons will more then likely play Texas-Arlington in the first round of the tournament on Thursday.

This was the completion of a very fine season for the ladies and we hope that they will be able to make some noise in the tournament and win.

If that happens they will then move on to a play-in series with the Trans America Athletic Conference champion for a bid to the NCAA tournament. Congratulations to the Lady Demon softball team and good luck in Monroe this weekend.



The Lady Demons attempt to kick water off the field in preparation for Saturday's game against Texas-San Antonio.

photo courtesy of NSU news bureau

Baseball team takes 2 out of 3 against McNeese to clinch share of Louisiana title

Elizabeth V. Crump
Staff reporter

The Demon Baseball team rallied together in their last home game of the season to overcome the McNeese Cowboys last weekend at Brown-Stroud Field.

After losing one of two games to the Cowboys Saturday, the Demons came back strong despite the rain in a 4-3 come-from-behind victory.

The Demons, who split with the Cowboys won the series 2-1 and are assured of at least a share of the SLC's Louisiana Division title. Northwestern currently has a four game lead on Northeast Louisiana. which can force a tie by winning it's last five conference games.

In Saturday's game the Demons picked up a 3-2 win and seemed to have the nightcap well in hand before their bullpen failed them , 11-14.

"I am extremely unhappy with the performance of our pen today," Head Coach Dave Van Horn said. "We just couldn't get the outs when we needed them. I have to give the Cowboys credit though, they never did quit."

Three home runs were hit by the Demons, one each by Derek Nunn, Robert Hewes, and Brent Trosclair, and had an outstanding performance at the plate by catcher Ryan Appleton.

In Sunday's game McNeese, which had grabbed an early 2-0 lead in the first inning, was cooled down by a 1 hour and 40 minute rain delay after the end of the second inning.

After play resumed, the Demons clawed back in the bottom of the fifth to score designated hitter Niki Moses from third.

McNeese moved the advantage to two runs again in the top of the sixth, but would not score again as Demon pitcher Chris Brown improved with every pitch.

"Chris was just overpowering," said Van Horn. "He just seemed to get stronger the longer we played."

Brown closed the Cowboys out the rest of the way including striking out the side in the ninth to give the Demon's bats a chance to win the game.

Brown's 11 strikeouts came in his fourth complete game of the season. He allowed only three runs on seven hits.

The two wins against the Cowboys were not the only victories the Demons gained last week. The Demons played Louisiana Tech in a 5-4 win last Tuesday in a non-conference game.

Northwestern also silenced No. 1-ranked LSU for more than five innings last Wednesday night as NSU sophomore David Balcer hemmed in the Tigers.

Although the Demons held the Tigers, LSU erupted for eight runs in the sixth inning, overcoming a 3-0 deficit to the Demons and paving the way for an 11-5 victory over Northwestern.

"David Balcer did a great job until he tired and missed his spots. Against hitters of this quality, you can't miss by much or you pay a big price and they took advantage of it to start a big inning," Van Horn said.

As the season comes close to an end before the SLC Tournament begins, the Demons will face Northeast in their final three-game conference series this coming weekend in Monroe.

"I have to give the Cowboys credit though, they never did quit." Coach Dave Van Horn

Intramural softball season ends with record number of 45 teams participating

Catherine Gill
Staff reporter

The 1997 Intramural softball season has come to an end with a record number of 45 teams participating.

The 45 teams were composed of leagues such as the Greek men, two co-recreational leagues, a women's league and two open men's leagues.

Division winners of the co-recreational league consisted of Diamond Dust, first place, and Shrooms, second place.

In the women's division, TTG took first place while the Lady Demons came in second.

CSO was first in the men's division with Sigma Nu following close behind.

Playoffs were April 14. In the Independent All Campus Playoffs, the Jokers, GDI, Dilligaf, Strictly Business, the Dugouts, and CSO competed. CSO came away with first place.

CSO, Kappa Sigma, the Jokers, and Sigma Nu participated in the Men's All Campus Playoffs. The CSO was again the winner.

The Women's All Campus Playoffs consisted of Phi Mu, Lady Demons, the Bar Flys, TTG, and the Big Ballers. TTG won first place.

First place winners of the playoffs traveled to Monroe this past weekend to compete in the state intramural softball tournament.

Northwestern's men's team, CSO, had a 2-0 winning streak on Saturday with NSU beating Southeastern Louisiana University 5-4 and Louisiana College, 12-2.

On Sunday, the men's team advanced to the semi-finals, beating Louisiana State University 12-5. However, a loss in the semi-finals occurred against Louisiana Tech with a close score of 16-15.

In the co-recreational division, Northwestern's Diamond Dust also accomplished a 2-0 winning streak Saturday. Diamond Dust beat LSU 14-3 and Nicholls State, 8-6.

On Sunday, they advanced to the semi-finals with an 8-7 win against University of New Orleans. They then had a 10-3 loss against LSU-Eunice.

Northwestern's representatives of the women's division, TTG, came away from the state intramural softball tournament as champions.

On Saturday, the women beat Louisiana College 12-1 and Southern University of New Orleans 21-1. Sunday, TTG shamed Grambling with a score of 10-0 and NLU with a 7-4 score.

How do team members feel about participating in this year's intramural softball season?

Robbie Wadsworth, team captain for Sigma Nu, says, "We had a great season. The only team we lost to was CSO. We also lost to Theta Chi. However, that was because of a protest given in regards to an illegal player, thus causing forfeiture. In actuality, it was a win. We had a good run in the playoffs."

"I think Sigma Nu had a great season. We played real well, however, I hope that next year we'll do better," says Ryan Hammond, a freshman nursing major.

"There were a lot of strong teams and it was tough for Sigma Nu because we did not have a large amount of people to choose from," Hammond said. "I thought we did a good job since we could only pick Sigma Nu-s while open leagues could pick anyone."

Many participants in the tournament were not satisfied with the playing conditions and rules of the softball games.

"I didn't like playing with all of the trees," freshman Ryan Zito said." They should buy a temporary fence so that fair judgement calls can be made. It would save a lot of trouble when one team says that a ball was hit into the sandbox while the other says the opposite. Fences would help the umpires."

Manuel Inman secures second place on All-Conference golf team

Terry Kilgore
Staff reporter

NSU Sophomore Manuel Inman secured a place on the All-Conference Golf Team with his fifth straight Top 10 finish at the Southland Conference Golf Championships Monday and Tuesday at the Holly Tree Country Club in Tyler, Texas.

Inman's closing round of 76 left him at 8-over par 224 for the 3-day tournament. His total was good enough to secure sole possession of 10th place, which automatically qualifies him for the All-Conference Team.

"Manuel has been obviously the most consistent player on our team this year and in throughout his two years at Northwestern, Head Golf Coach Derek Moral said "He has been a team leader and is very much worthy of All-Conference honors in the Southland Conference. Manuel has not yet even reached his potential. He is a top notch player who has the potential to play professionally one day."

Although Inman has been the standout this year, he is not the only quality player on the Demon squad.

"We have a lot of good kids, good balance on our golf team. Our entire team is made up of kids who excel in the classroom as well as on the golf course. We have been pretty fortunate to have quality people in our golf program." Morel said.

In the team portion of the tournament, Northwestern finished in eighth place with a final score of 936. Josh Fosdick was the next highest placed finisher for NSU with a score of 83-236. Matt Baum, who was the only Demon to have a tournament-best round Tuesday, was next at 78-239. Rounding out the Northwestern effort were Magnus Akerstrom with a score of 81-241 and Paul Cullen with a tally of 91-250.

Winning the medalist side of the tournament was Magnus Dohlvik of Texas-San Antonio with a total of 219 despite ballooning to a final round 77. The team championship was taken by Southwest Texas State with a 3-day total of 888. Difficult weather conditions Tuesday led to much higher scores than were carded Monday.

Among the other state schools in the tournament, Northeast had the best finish as they shot a team score of 906, which was good for fifth place. McNeese finished seventh at 934 while Nicholls State finished in ninth and last place with a score of 964.

Athlete of the Week; Lady Demon Misty Carraway

Brian Satawa
Staff reporter

Misty Carraway has done it all in her career as a Lady Demon softball player. She has been named to the All-Southland Conference team in her freshman year in 1993, led the SLC in doubles, and has been in the Top 10 in the conference in RBI's three out of the four years she has played for the Lady Demons.

The senior from Bolton High in Alexandria has had a great career and this past weekend in her last at bat and had a fairy tale ending when she hit a game winning home run to give the Lady Demons a 5-4 victory over Texas-San Antonio. Carraway had a big week hitting two homeruns a double and triple to go along with six RBI's in helping the Lady Demons to a 4-1 record this week.

Carraway was one of the big reasons for the turnaround of this year's team which finished 24-27 overall and 12-10 in the Southland Conference.

Carraway was redshirted last year due to a painful shoulder injury that sidelined her for the 1996 season. She has came back with a vengeance this year and is leading the Southland Conference in homeruns tied with teammate Becca Allen with seven, is sixth in RBI's with 22, tenth in the conference in batting with a .318 average, and fourth in slugging percentage with .492 average.

Carraway was all smiles after she hit the homerun and said this about her last at home bat, "I just wanted to get on base and get something going. I was surprised when the ball went out. It was a great feeling.

Lets hope those great feelings continue for Carraway and the rest of her Lady Demon teammates as they get ready for the Southland Conference softball tournament on Thursday in Monroe. Congratulations to Misty Carraway on an outstanding career and we hope that she will continue to play well this weekend, as the Lady Demons try to win the Southland Conference tournament and the automatic bid to the NCAA regionals.

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8	$835.00	$8.00 **	$45.25	$888.25
9	$703.75	$8.00 **	$45.25	$757.00
10	$772.50	$8.00 **	$45.25	$825.75
11	$841.25	$8.00 **	$45.25	$894.50
12+	$910.00	$8.00 **	$45.25	$983.25

GRADUATE

Hours	Registration Fees	Student Insurance	Student Association	Total
1-3	$291.25	$0.00	$0.00	$291.25
4	$380.00	$0.00	$0.00	$380.00
5	$428.75	$0.00	$0.00	$428.75
6	$497.50	$0.00	$45.25	$542.75
7	$588.25	$0.00	$45.25	$811.50
8	$835.00	$0.00	$45.25	$880.25
9+	$B10.00	$0.00	$45.25	$955.25

Other Campuses Undergraduate

Hours	Registration Fees	Student Insurance	Student Association	Total
1 - 3	$291.25	$0.00	$0.00	$291.25
4	$380.00	$0.00	$0.00	$380.00
5	$428.75	$0.00	$0.00	$428.75
6	$497.50	$0.00	$0.00	$497.50
7	$588.25	$0.00	$0.00	$588.25
8	$835.00	$0.00	$0.00	$835.00
9	$703.75	$0.00	$0.00	$703.75
10	$772.50	$0.00	$0.00	$772.50
11	$841.25	$0.00	$0.00	$841.25
12+	$910.00	$0.00	$0.00	$910.00

GRADUATE

Hours	Registration Fees	Student Insurance	Student Association	Total
1 - 3	$291.25	$0.00	$0.00	$291.25
4	$380.00	$0.00	$0.00	$380.00
5	$428.75	$0.00	$0.00	$428.75
8	$497.50	$0.00	$0.00	$497.50
7	$588.25	$0.00	$0.00	$588.25
8	$835.00	$0.00	$0.00	$835.00
9+	$910.00	$0.00	$0.00	$910.00

SHREVEPORT CAMPUS
BS & AD PROGRAM - UNDERGRADUATE

Hours	Registration Fees	Student Insurance	Student Association	Total
1 - 3	$291.25	$0.00	$0.00	$291.25
4	$360.00	$0.00	$0.00	$360.00
5	$428.75	$0.00	$0.00	$428.75
6	$497.50	$0.00 **	$16.50	$522.00
7	$586.25	$8.00 **	$16.50	$590.75
8	$635.00	$8.00 **	$16.50	$659.50
9	$703.75	$8.00 **	$16.50	$728.25
10	$772.50	$8.00 **	$16.50	$797.00
11	$841.25	$8.00 **	$16.50	$865.75
12+	$910.00	$8.00 **	$16.50	$934.50

M.S. PROGRAM - GRADUATE

Hours	Registration Fees	Student Insurance	Student Association	Total
1 - 3	$291.25	$0.00	$0.00	$291.25
4	$360s00	$0.00	$0.00	$360.00
5	$428.75	$0.00	$0.00	$428.75
6	$497.50	$0.00	$18.50	$514.00
7	$688.25	$0.00	$18.50	$682.75
8	$835.00	$0.00	$18.50	$651.60
9+	$910.00	$0.00	$18.50	$928.50

OUT-OF-STATE FEES
($101.25 per credit hour)

Undergraduate Hours	Fees	Graduate Hours	Fees
1 - 3	$0.00	1 - 3	$0.00
4	$405.00	4	$405.00
5	$508.25	5	$506.25
6	$607.50	6	$607.5
7	$708.75	7	$708.75
8	$810.00	8	$810.00
9	$911.25	9+	$1.215.00
10	$1,012.50		
11	$1,113.75		
12+	$1,215.00		

MEAL PLANS

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OTHER FEES

International Student Fee (Flat Rate)	$40.00
*Alumni Fee (First-Time Candidates for Graduation)	$1.00
*Parking Permit	$5.00
*Late Registration Fee	$15.00
*Application Fee	$15.00
Infirmary (Natchitoches - Required of all dorm students)	$10.00
DORMS Double (3)Weeks	$113.40
Double (5) Weeks	$189.00
Double (8) Weeks	$228.80
Double (9) Weeks	$340.20
Double (10) Weeks	$378.00
Double (12) Weeks	$453.60
Single (3) Weeks	$189.00
Single (5) Weeks	$315.00
Single (8) Weeks	$378.00
Single (9) Weeks	$567.00
Single (10) Weeks	$630.00
Single (12) Weeks	$758.00
Married Student Housing: One Bedroom-Per Month	$175.00
Two Bedroom-Per Month	$200.00
***Installment Plan Fee	$30.00

RETURNED CHECKS	FEES
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Refund Policy

A student who officially resigns on or before th last day to register for credit for each session will receive 100 percent credit to his account of all refundable fees. These fees include fees identified on the bill/statement as registration fees, out-of-state fees, laboratory fees, and student association fees. A student who officially resigns within two calendar days after the last day to register for each session will receive 50 percent credit to his account of all refundable fees identified on the bill/statement as registration fees, out-of-state fees, and laboratory fees. After this date, no refund or credit will be made. Dropped courses are not refundable at any time and will not be credited to a student's account. In some cases, the refund policy will result in a reduction of charges and not a "cash" refund.

Students receiving Title IV assistance (Federal Financial Aid) will be refunded according to revised Federal Regulations.

*Non-Refundable
**Student Insurance - Refundable only if requested in writing to the infirmary within the first two weeks after the opening date of the regular semester's registration with submission of proof of coverage under another policy. Part-time, students, off campus students, or students dependents may purchase the insurance through the infirmary.
***Installment fee - Payment in Full is required on scheduled fee payment date. Accounts not paid in full will be assessed a $30.00 Installment Plan Fee.

ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

THE PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR ALL FINANCIAL AID PAPERWORK IS MAY 1ST. ALL PAPERS SHOULD BE TURNED IN TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE, 109 ROY HALL

Notice
Dorm Room
Rate Increase
Summer 1997

Double Occupancy :	Old Rate	New Rate
3 weeks	$90.00	$113.40
5 weeks	$153.75	$189.00
6 weeks	$184.50	$226.80
9 weeks	$279.00	$340.20
10 weeks	$310.50	$378.00
12 weeks	$373.50	$453.60

Single Occupancy:	Old Rate	New Rate
3 weeks	$147.00	$189.00
5 weeks	$245.00	$315.00
6 weeks	$294.00	$378.00
9 weeks	$441.00	$567.00
10 weeks	$483.00	$630.00
12 weeks	$588.00	$756.00

Notice
Out of State Fee
Rate Increase Fall 1997

GRADUATE	Old Rate	New Rate
1-3 Hours	$0.00	$0.00
4 Hours	$405.00	$556.00
5 Hours	$506.25	$695.00
6 Hours	$607.50	$834.00
7 Hours	$708.75	$973.00
8 Hours	$810.00	$1,112.00
9+ Hours	$1,215.00	$1,668.00

UNDERGRADUATE	Old Rate	New Rate
1-3 Hours	$0.00	$0.00
4 Hours	$405.00	$556.00
5 Hours	$506.25	$695.00
6 Hours	$607.50	$834.00
7 Hours	$708.75	$973.00
8 Hours	$810.00	$1,112.00
9 Hours	$911.25	$1,251.00
10 Hours	$1,012.50	$1,390.00
11 Hours	$1,113.50	$1,529.00
12+ Hours	$1,215.00	$1,668.00

Notice
Dorm Room
Rate Increase
Fall 1997

	Old Rate	New Rate
Double Room	$490.00	$590.00
Single Room	$820.00	$990.00

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
NATCHITOCHES CAMPUS
SUMMER 1997
FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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FEE PAYMENT ENDS AT 4:30 PM EACH DAY

NOTE:
FEE PAYMENT WILL BE HELD IN PRATHER COLISEUM.
PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENTER AT ASSIGNED TIMES!

Students whose Fee Payment time conflicts with their class schedules ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THEIR SCHEDULED CLASS.

These students may pay their fees anytime AFIER their scheduled payment time, but not before their scheduled time!!!

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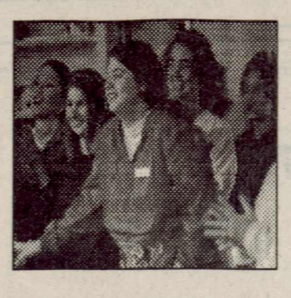
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See how the track teams fared at the University of Houston Invitational on page 7



Greek organizations preparing for upcoming fall Rush, see page 2 for details

THE CURRENT SAUCE

The student newspaper of Northwestern State University

Student media editors and manager chosen for next year

Don Harper
Staff reporter

New editors for the Argus, *The Current Sauce*, the Potpourri and the general manager of KNWD were chosen by a board of students and faculty Wednesday.

The nine member media board, made up of faculty and students, met in the Ora G Williams Studio.

The positions available were the editor of the *Current Sauce*, editor of the Potpourri, editor of the Argus, and the General Manager of KNWD. Chosen as the editor of the Argus was Sandy Baber, chosen as the editor of the *Current Sauce* was Tatum Lyles, Kevin Brough was elected Potpourri editor and Casey Shannon was elected general manager of KNWD.

Those on the Media Board were: the vice president of external affairs, SGA president, head of the Louisiana Scholars' College, department head of language and communication, department head of journalism, designee of the president and five students with a media-related major appointed by the SGA president.

The three editor positions were uncontested with only one student applying for each. The board voted unanimously for all three with no abstentions.

Dr. Ron McBride, head of the Department of Journalism, commented on the applicants, "I am delighted in the applicants," McBride said. "Tatum Lyles is ready to take charge. Kevin Brough has the leadership required to keep the yearbook an award-winning publication."

The only position in which there was a run off was for the General Manager of KNWD. The two applicants were Paul Ayo and Casey Shannon. "It's very unfortunate to have two very qualified applicants and you have to pick one," McBride said. "Regardless of who was selected we would have come out a winner."

Casey Shannon, who was selected as the new GM, plans to keep Ayo on staff as personnel manager.

The decisions made by the Student Media Board are only recommendations to the SGA who makes the final decision on each position.

The board only meets annually after SGA elections or if another quorum is needed to make a change in a position.

"The Student Media Board should meet at least twice a semester to check on the track records of the organizations," McBride said.

McBride explained that the board should check into the fiscal affairs of the student media and feels strongly about a more active role by the Student Media Board.

Alpha Omicron Pi members brainstorm while planning fall Rush



Members of Alpha Omicron Pie discuss last year's Rush and prepare for the upcomming summer.

photo by Tatum Lyles

New and improved methods of fee payment hit Northwestern

David Balcer
Staff reporter

Fee payments for the fall semester are just around the corner, and many students are still unaware of the different methods fees can be paid.

The most common way for students paying fees is going to Prather Coliseum. The arrangement inside Prather for paying fees will be the same as in the past.

Fee payment will begin Aug. 25 and will extend through Aug. 28, with Aug. 29 allotted for late fee payments. Students should consult the Fall schedule of classes in order to find out what specific day, in accordance with the first letter of their last name, they are to pay fees.

Students who don't wish to stand in line, still have the option of paying for their fees through the mail. Students on an approved payment plan or making a one-time payment-in-full are encouraged to mail payments to Northwestern State University, Business Affairs Office, Cashiering Section, College Avenue, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

For amounts due, please contact the BusinessAffairs-Student Accounting Section at (318) 375-5447. To estimate cost refer to the current schedule of classes "Tuition and Fees" section.

Still another way to avoid the lines is to make payments over the telephone. Only Visa and Mastercard will be accepted and payments will not be posted to the student's account until the transaction is authorized at which time Northwestern will mail a receipt to the card holders address.

"In an attempt to make it more efficient for the students, we have implemented payment through the mail and by phone, thus reducing the effort they have to make at fee payment time," Brenda Dailey, assistant registrar, said.

An authorization form for fee payments through the mail or telephone can be found in the current class schedule or students can call the Business Affairs-Student Accounting Section with the required information.

Shaw to retire at end of semester after more than 30 years; no replacement named yet

David Deggs
Contributing writer

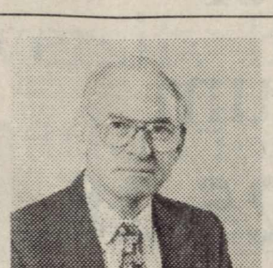
After teaching at Northwestern State University for more than 30 years, Dr. Bill W. Shaw, professor and program coordinator of industrial technology, will retire at the end of this semester.

"Two years ago, I decided that I would retire in May 1997, and I believe that I could not have selected a better time," Shaw said. "I feel very optimistic about the future of NSU."

"Dr. Shaw has provided leadership through good times and bad times," said Dr. Austin Temple, acting dean of the college of science and technology. "When you think of a quality teacher and individual, you think of Dr. Shaw. He will be missed."

"I am not retiring in order to quit working," Shaw said. "I hope to have time to enjoy traveling, fishing, sports, and other interests, but I really consider retirement to be a change in the kind of work that I will do."

Shaw plans to spend this summer in Montana. He has been invited to direct the building of a church. "I will coordinate the work of over 300 volunteer workers who are part of15 work teams," Shaw said. "When that project is finished, I will be available for another job."



Shaw

Shaw earned his B.S. in 1954 from NSU, his M.Ed. from University of Missouri in 1960 and his Ed.D. from University of Missouri in 1964. Shaw returned to NSU in 1965 after having taught at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky., University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., and Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy in Rolla, Mo.

"I feel a great loyalty to NSU," Shaw said.

Many members of Shaw's family have attended NSU. Shaw's sister taught home economics and his two sons are also NSU alumni.

Currently the College of Science and Technology is advertising for a replacement ofV Shaw's position, according to Temple.

Burroughs chosen to lead 1997-98 Faculty Senate

Michael L. Chaney
Staff reporter

Dr. Sara Burroughs, professor of English, has been elected president of the Faculty Senate at NSU for the 1997-1998 school year.

Burroughs will succeed Dr. Susan White, former Senate president, for a term of achievement in regards to issues facing instructors and professors at the University.

As a tenure professor, Burroughs will take the seat of president to challenge issues such as new health benefits for faculty.

According to Burroughs, in previous years, the faculty members did not get to choose a benefit package that they felt was tailored to his or her needs.

The Senate is trying to reverse even state-wide issues such as the allowance for men to be protected under certain insurance coverages for cancer that is related to them rather than women, Burroughs said.

In the past, Faculty Senate meetings resulted in pay raises for NSU faculty and to increase the library's budget to 5 percent of the University budget.

"Another issue facing the Senate is tenure review for faculty which may be going through some changes in the future," Burroughs said.

Burroughs referred to tenure review as being sort of like the student's teacher evaluation that one completes roughly at the end of each semester for NSU.

Burroughs expects to have a productive year as Faculty Senate President.

Greeks were awarded for community services, involvement at NSU and outstanding academic achievements at a ceremony held Monday

Andrew Kolb
Contributing writer

John Freed and Martha Hooper have both worked hard to promote themselves and Greek life here at Northwestern.

Their hard work paid off last Monday night when they were named Greek Man and Woman of the Year.

Freed has held a number of leadership roles in his fraternity, Kappa Sigma, and has served in many other organizations on campus. He was not quite so sure that he would get the award, though.

"There were a lot of outstanding Greeks up for the award," Freed said. "I'm honored to have been selected."

Freed served as treasurer of Kappa Sigma, where he was recognized nationally as one of the eight outstanding treasurers in the fraternity.

Freed has been a Greek facilitator, member of Order of Omega, and member of the NSU flight team, where he was ranked in the top ten college pilots in the region by the National Intercollegiate Flying Association.

"Through my fraternity and other organizations, I have become a responsible individual and ambitious," Freed continued. "By gaining experience in NSU Greek community life, I feel I am better prepared for my future, professionally and socially."

Greek Woman of the Year Martha Hooper has also been very active in her sorority and on campus. She served as President of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority as well as holding numerous chairman positions in her sorority. She has served on the SAB as treasurer of Purple Jackets, has been a Freshman Connector, and has been a member of Order of Omega. She was elected Miss NSU last fall, and has made the Dean's list for four years. Hooper has also been involved in numerous community service projects.

"Taking advantages of the endless opportunities available to Greek members is one aspect of sorority life that I pride myself in," Hooper said. "I believe that my involvement in the Greek community has taught me invaluable lessons."

Freed and Hooper were awarded at last week's annual Greek Awards Ceremony, where numerous other awards were given out to individuals and to organizations.

The Panhellenic Greek Woman of the year was Emily Tracy of Sigma Sigma Sigma; the Lucille Hendrick Scholarship Award went to Kathleen Gillan of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

The academic achievement awards went to: Phi Mu and Tau Kappa Epsilon, spring 1996; - Phi Mu and Theta Chi, fall 1997; new members, fall 1996, Phi Mu and Theta Chi; highest cumulative GPA. for 1996 went to Tau Kappa Epsilon and Phi Mu.

The outstanding community project award went to Tau Kappa Epsilon, and the outstanding community service program award was given to Phi Mu.

The Greek Progress award, Striving for Excellence award, and the President's Cup all were awarded to Phi Mu.

News

Greek organizations prepare for formal Rush to be held in August

Howard Morris
Contributing writer

Northwestern's Greek community will hold its 1997 Formal Rush ceremonies in August.

Formal Rush will last for five days. The men and women who participate will have the chance to take a closer look at the Greek system here at NSU.

During Rush, the individuals will visit their choices of fraternities or sororities. Upon their arrival, they will hold informal conversations with the members of that fraternity or sorority to discuss Greek Life and hopefully start new, life-long friendships.

The organizations will have different programs and activities which will take place during Rush. Each fraternity and sorority has something unique to offer.

The active members of each Greek organization will decide at the end of the week which rushees to invite to join their particular organization.



Members of Sigma Sigma Sigma practice greeting rushees for formal Rush.

photo by Tatum Lyles

The Formal Rush for fraternities will start Sunday, Aug. 24 and will end Thursday, Aug. 28.

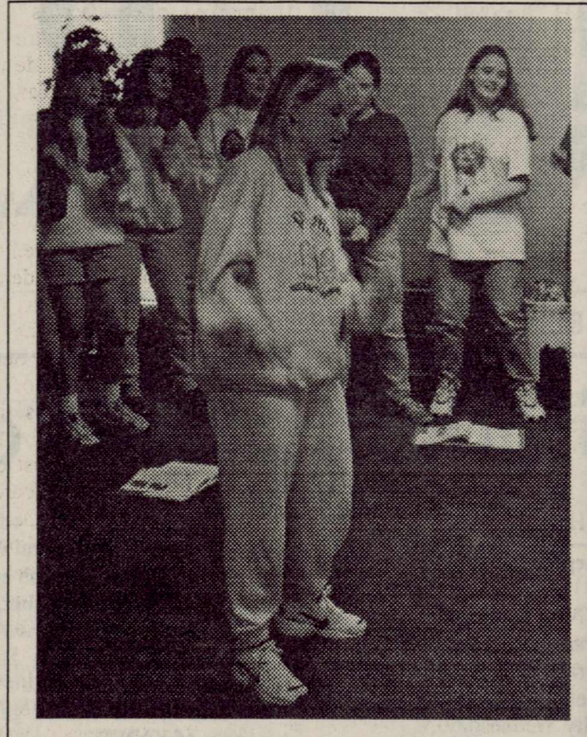
The fraternities that will be taking part in Formal Rush are Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Chi. The five fraternities are all members of the Interfraternity Council and all are nationally affiliated.

"Rush is a vital part of a college education and the social life here at Northwestern while building leadership qualities," said Joel Deutser, president of the Interfraternity Council at Northwestern.

The Formal Rush ceremonies for the sororities will begin Wednesday, Aug. 20 and will conclude Sunday, Aug. 24.

The sororities that will participate in Formal Rush are Phi Mu, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Alpha Omicron Pi. Each of these sororities are active members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council which are also nationally affiliated. Going through Rush may help one decide if they would like to go Greek.

"Be open-minded and experience Rush" added Deutser, saying that Rush is an important part of University life.



Members of Phi Mu Fraternity review skits used in their Rush theme party.

photo by Tatum Lyles

Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame will induct eight new members this summer

Kris Hollinsworth
Contributing writer

The Louisana Sports Hall of Fame will open its doors to eight more inductees this summer.

This event will run in conjunction with the Louisiana Sportswriters Convention July 10-13 on campus.

The class of 1997 will broaden the Hall of Fame's membership to 180. Each was chosen by a 25-member Louisiana Sportwriters Association selection committee. The panel chose the inductee's from 114 nominees from 20 categories.

The inductees include: Gary Reasons, Dalton Hilliard, Coach Scotty Robertson, Joyce Walker, Harold Porter, L.J. "Hoss" Garret, Leslie Gaudet and Emmet Pare'.

The weekend begins with a Friday night reception and Saturday morning press conference. Saturday, there will be a scramble golf tournament and a banquet to honor the inductees.

Reasons recently joined Hall of Fame members Terry Bradshaw and Buck Buchanan, along with Walter Payton, in the College Football Hall of Fame. A linebacker from Crowley, Texas, Reasons set school records at Northwestern State with 394 tackles in his career, including 172 in his senior season with 24 against McNeese State. A fourth-round draft pick in 1984, Reasons launched a nine-year pro career with the New York Giants, earning him two Super Bowl rings, a nomination to the All-Rookie Team and the "All-Madden" Team.

Hillard, the fourth leading rusher in Southeastern Conference History and all time leader at LSU with 4,050 and 302 points, was the 31st player picked in the 1986 draft by the New Orleans Saints. After an eight-year career with the Saints, he grasped the second place career rushing spot with 4,164 yards on 1,126 carries. Hilliard ranked as the Saints' second all-time scorer with 300 points.

Robertson, a former Louisiana Tech player, later built the Bulldogs into a college stronghold with a 165-86 record before moving on to pro status. Robertson went on to coach the the New Orleans (Utah) Jazz, the Chicago Bulls and the Detroit Pistons. Robertson currently is the first assistant coach to Pat Riley with the Miami Heat.

Walker led LSU in scoring for four straight seasons with a career 2,906 points. A three-time All American by Basketball Times, Walker later played one year with the Harlem Globetrotters.

Porter scorched the national track and field circles at USL winning All-America honors and representing the USA in international competitions as a collegian. He went on to grip eight school records and became the first NCAA Division 1 AllAmerican in USL history.

Gaudet, the winningest all-time prep basketball coach in America, averaged 34 wins a season and never received a technical foul in more than 1,400 games.

Garrett finished his prep coaching career in 1971 with a record of 270-122-21 in 38 years, 35 at Ruston High School.

Pare' was noted as one of the country's top tennis coaches at Tulane. In his career he won 285 matches, lost only 61 and tied nine in 39 seasons. Pare created 20 SEC champions six NCAA singles winners and two NCAA doubles champions.

"We expect a much bigger crowd this year," Director Doug Ireland said.

Student Activities Board President elect David Deggs discusses his plans for the upcomming year

Heath Crawford
Contributing writer

Newly elected SAB President David Deggs brings with him new ideas for the handling of SAB affairs.

Deggs was elected president on April 14 and assumed office on April 30. He will hold his office for one year.



Deggs

He hasn't set a lot of plans yet.

"I feel like I need to listen to what the students need," he said. "I told the board when I ran for the position, that there are a lot of things we can do but we need to decide on them as one board. One thing I want to do is get more students involved.

"We're looking at doing some new things such as e-mailing students," Deggs said. "We're going to survey the students to find out what kind of music the students would like for concerts and what different types of acts they would like to see. Also, their attendance at movies, pep rallies and tailgate parties will be asked."

Campus trends is looking at some programming for non-traditional students on campus. The programs will probably be during the day in order to fit into the students schedules.

Deggs is open to any students suggestions.

"I want students to stop me and talk to me if they have questions or comments," Deggs said. "I feel that we're here to serve the students and I want to hear their ideas and suggestions and I also want them to participate in what we do."

Students are welcome to attend board and committee meetings.

There are also eight residential representative spots open for the fall. Residential representatives act as a liaison between students in dorms and the SAB. Anyone interested can apply in the SAB office on the second floor of the Student Union.

WANTED!

The Book Merchant wants a student driving from Shreveport to Natchitoches on Sunday Mornings. Will pay $15 weekly if driver is dependable on a regular basis.
Call 357-8900 if interested.

Staying in town for the summer?
Write for the Current Sauce!
Call 357-5456
for more information.

All Students!

Don't forget to have your photograph taken for the **1998 Potpourri** during Fall Fee Payment at Prather Coliseum
August 25-28

No makeups will be scheduled!!

Features

Internet can be a valuable tool to the job-hungry graduate searching for leads

Dennis H. Clarkston
Contributing writer

The spring 1997 semester is coming to a close and graduating students and those graduating this summer, who have not already found a job, will increase their efforts to find a job in their field.

Sources that a student can use to find his/her job has expanded over the years. Along with the Counseling and Career Services room 305 of the Student Union, there are many job banks and company links listed on the Internet.

"The job market has picked up, and it looks better than it did ten years ago," Frances Conine, director of Counseling and Career Services, said.

The Internet can supply an abundance of good information and is a great way to get job information. Conine said that students can supplement their activities at Counseling and Career Services by going on the Internet to search for job information.

"You don't leave a stone unturned. You look, look and look, but at the same time, I think it's good to have plan when a person gets on the net," Conine said. "So that instead of getting on the net and looking at everything, you should focus on a certain type of company."

Counseling and Career Services has six computers available to students that are connected to the Internet. According to Conine, the staff looked through a variety of sources so that they could bookmark sites that they recommend students to search.

The computers in at the Career Services office have 14 sites bookmarked for easy access

One source for Internet addresses is "The Guide to Internet Job Searching" by Margaret Riley, Frances Roehm, and Steve Oserman and published in 1996 by VGM Career Horizons. This book lists sites that one can search the Internet for jobs in business, science, engineering, agriculture, environment, arts and humanities, federal government and international opportunities. A copy can be found at Counseling and Career Services.

Another source of obtaining information on jobs is though the Internet by using search engines like Lycos. Lycos has a list of links at http://www.lycos.com/careers/guide/job.html (see list 2) that deal with job banks, career planning and career development. They also have a top ten career list that is located at http://www.lycos.com/careers/top10/career.html.

Other search engines such as but not limited to Infoseek (http://guide.infoseek.com) and HotBot (http://www.hotbot.com) are capable of finding individual company jobs listings, job banks, career guides, and other job related information by searching the Internet by using the keyword "careers" in the search box.

A student can narrow the job search by adding specific area of interest to the search criteria. For example, entering "police careers" in the above search engines will pull up information on jobs in the law enforcement area. Most job banks also allow a student to narrow the job search by using a keyword search for positions.

Although the Online Career Center (http://www.occ.com/) lists different types of companies that offer many different career areas, it uses the keyword search to allow someone to narrow the search. They also allow searching by location or by an alphabetical listing of its member companies.

Another general list is the America's Job Bank (http://www.ajb.dni.us/). America's Job Bank offers several formats to search for jobs. One uses a menu that lists occupations in alphabetical order that the searcher chooses from a provided list. It then allows the person to search the entire country or narrow to specific states.

The second format allows someone to search America's Job Bank: Employer Web Sites by an alphabetical list. As of May 1, the site contained 1397 listings of URLs that were submitted and maintained by employers.

The alternative to the general list job bank is one with career listings in a specific area. One of these is Attorneys @ Work (http://www.legnetwork.com/index.htm). According to their Web page, they are "the complete recruiting and placement tool for the legal industry." They can use keyworks to search areas of interest in the job field.

TechCareers (http://www.techweb.com/careers/careers.html) is another specialized area that caters to high technology positions. They allow keyword searches for jobs to narrow the field even further. Their Web site states they have over 10,000 "high-tech" jobs listed.

Career information is also available on the Internet. The University of Waterloo (http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infocecs/CRC/manual-home.html) offers the Career Development Manual: Electronic Edition. This manual has information on self assessment, occupational research, decision making, employer contact and job information. Each of these sections break down into multiple sub-sections that give detailed information on specific subjects.

For example, The employer contact section contains information on job searching, resume writing, letter writing and job interviews.

High Technology Careers Magazine (http://www.hightechcareers.com/) offers access to online job fairs and offers to post your resume on-line at no cost. They give instructions on how to copy a resume to their site over the Internet.

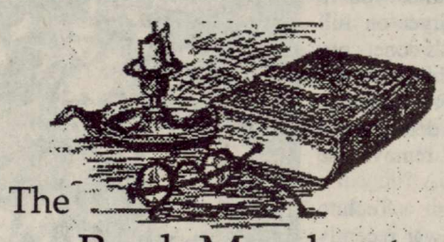
Online Career Center also provides space to post a personal resume. They allow anyone who wishes to e-mail a copy of his/her resume to be posted. Their instructions are located at http://www.occ.com/resumeinputform.html.

Careers OnLine (http://www.careersonline.com.au/) offers the Smart Career Moves Resume Generator to help a job seeker to build a resume. It uses an interactive form that the job seeker types information that he/she wants on his/her resume. Then when finished the resume generator can save the information to the job seeker's computer in text or as a hypertext markup language document for future posting on the Internet.

Although students can check out all of the job banks and career information sites listed, Conine still encourages anybody who is getting ready to graduate to go to the Counseling and Career Services office and register. This allows them to place the student into their computers that can sort by major and location area that the student wants to go. The computer will then check this information against what is already posted and see what interviews are coming up.

They need the student to fill out the Student Information Sheet, to bring in a resume, and to bring in up to three letters of recommendation (optional). The Counseling and Career Services staff then will build a credentials file for the student that will also include a copy of the student's transcript.

This file is needed if the student wishes to participate in the on-campus interview program. Also, Counseling and Career Services will release this information to prospective employers and graduate schools.



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A&E

Sauce reviewer gets rare "behind the scenes" look at GWAR

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

GWAR are going to be in New Orleans at the Rendon Inn tonight, and you can bet they'll be in full regalia, ready to douse you head-to-toe in GWAR spoogle. So come on out, enjoy the show and be sure to wear your nicest white shirt. Otherwise, what's the point?

Oh yeah, according to no less an authority than Oderus himself, if you want to make the stuff stick, don't wash it until after you've put it in the dryer on full heat. Once that's done, consider your clothing as having been GWAR'd for life as no amount of detergent in the world can remove the gush.

Anyway, Techno Destructo of Gwar recently took time away from causing mass death and destruction (and working on a new video called "Rendezvous with Raganarok," due out in June) to give me the run down on everything from love and romance to radioactive crack-rock engagement rings. He even stepped "out of character" for awhile to give me the real deal on Gwar behind the scenes.

I know Gwar have been around basically forever, but how long have you been a member of the crew?

Techno: Gwar had been around for thousands and thousands of years before they were condemned to be sentenced here to Earth where they're stuck on this stinking mudball planet. I finally came down to rescue them. Their sentence was over, I'm ready to take them off to conquer the universe together, but what happens? They're gone—I find out that they've changed to a bunch of drug-addict rock stars.

So are you telling me that Gwar has gone soft on us?

Techno: They went totally slack, totally limp—they're mere pathetic shadows of what they used to be in



their glory days of a couple million years ago. I don't even think they're worthy of taking over the universe anymore. But hopefully, I may be able to convince them to leave this planet and go off into outer space with me, I don't know. Besides, this planet, what have we got—three years until the Apocalypse anyway?

Sounds like things have changed at the Gwar camp. What can I expect to see when I make the drive to New Orleans to catch the show?

Techno: It'll be worth it. And you better make it, because this is going to be the last Gwar show ever. Once I get through with them, there's going to be nothing left but little teeny pieces spattered around in puddles of blood on the stage. I'm building this whole army of mutated cybernetic penguins to attack Gwar, but I also have another plan in mind—I made a huge, radioactive crack-rock engagement ring and used it to hypnotize Slymenstra to be my bride.

I don't believe it. I think it would take more than any radioactive crack-rock ring to take her down.

Techno: Well, then you'll just have to come down and see it for yourself. I've got her like Oderus always wished he could, but never did. We're gonna do the wedding ceremony right there. Once I've got Slymenstra on my side, duking it out with Gwar, there's no way they can stand up to us.

You do realize, of course, that she's eventually going to snap out of this and kill you.

Techno: We'll cross that bridge when we come to it. All relationships go sour sooner or later.

So, what's it like being in a relationship with the most PMS'ing woman in existence?

Techno: Very painful.

For you, or for her?

Techno: Usually for the victim of her affections. She's been [having PMS] for the last ten thousand years—you can't imagine what a bad mood she's in. But I've gotten kind of used to it.

I heard a rumor that Oderus' "member" dislodged itself from his body and a newer, even nastier Oderus sort of sprang forth from the wreckage. Is that true?

Techno: I don't know, that sounds like some kind of a crack-induced fantasy to me. I haven't heard any truth to this rumor. I know that at one point, Oderus' [member] was actually severed from his body and was running around getting into its own trouble and adventures, but they've been rejoined as far as I know. But who knows? There could be something going on that I don't know about.

So, out of character, what does the title of the new album, "Carnival of Chaos" mean?

Techno: It's a description of the chaos and mayhem that people have come to expect from a Gwar show, and all the unbridled debauchery and sick acts that are performed for their viewing pleasure. Actually, we wanted to do a Lollapollooza kind of thing where we'd have a lot of cool bands and tattoo artists. We wanted to set up a whole circus. We were going to have professional wrestling involved and it was going to tour all summer at fair grounds and stuff. But we never could get it together, so we just ended up calling the album 'Carnival of Chaos' and rolling with it.

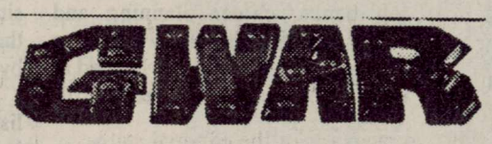
Is this fun for you, or do you ever get tired of it?

Techno: To a certain extent, yeah, but that's why the musicians did X-Cops—to allow them to be musically creative without having to play with fifty pounds of football gear in the middle of a demolition derby.

And the same things goes for the comics with us, with the artist's department. The comics give us a chance to write and create characters outside of Gwar. But as long as there's still more Gwar stories to be told, we'll be telling them.

So what's the creative force behind Techno Destructo?

Techno: He was a cyborg character that sort of represents technology, in a way, responsibility. He's trying to get Gwar to stop having fun and do what they're destructively supposed to be. He's sort of an authority figure, and it's really just a parody of what we see going on around us, just



like the Morality Squad characters.

What made Gwar come about in the first place?

Techno: When we first started doing this stuff, most bands that you'd go to see were like some guy standing up on stage with a big sneer on his face, and he had long scraggly hair and a lot of perfume on. He'd be looking out into the audience thinking about how he's so much cooler than everybody else and all that stuff. We wanted to bring fun back into rock and roll, instead of just a bunch of poser people, everybody trying to be 'cooler than thou.' We wanted people to come to a rock show to have fun, because we'll have fun on stage.

If you could describe Gwar in one word, to me, it would have to be 'fun.' Gwar is a parody; it's funny. You're supposed to laugh at it, as opposed to somebody like that poser band Marilyn Manson who wants everybody to become satanists, or something really retarded like that.

When you're not on stage beating the crap out of Rush Limbaugh and Michael Jackson, what do you do for fun? I mean, what could possibly entertain the master entertainer?

Techno: I love Japanese animation, and I love wrestling, or I used to ten years ago before it got all [messed] up like it is now. I've got a good 'Gwar behind the scenes' story on that score. Years ago when Ivan Koloff was still wrestling, with Nikita Koloff and all of that, me, the Sexecutioner, and as many people as we could get, would go to the Richland Coliseum, former capital of ignorance in the South. We would wear these red T-shirts with a big yellow hammer and sickle on the chest, and we'd sit on the third row and stand up and cheer for Ivan Koloff. It was fun, man. The closest we ever came to getting in a fight with anybody was with a little old lady.

It figures Gwar would pick a fight with a maw-maw.

Techno: Hey, she wanted to fight us! Everybody else left us alone.

Well, if you just can't seem to leave Gwar alone and want more information on Techno Destructo and the rest of the Gwar crew, drop them a SASE at The Slave Pit Inc, P O Box 5225, Richmond, Va. 23220. And if you send them a dollar, they'll even mail you a full color catalog of killer crap. So there.

Napalm Death discuss everything from touring to trading boots for crusty Nikes.

lesa thompson
Staff reporter

When a person listens to Napalm Death, it's not hard to tell that these guys are more than just slightly aware of what's going on in the world around them. Their music is extreme, to say the least, and Napalm's lyrics are full of food for thought. Yet, most people know Napalm Death as the straight forward, down-your-throat band who had the chutzpah to tell "Nazi Punks" to "F— Off."

Napalm Death have been around for over 10 years, and they've been just about anywhere a band could go, including South Africa. They write songs that are about more than just the usual "I hate everybody" crapola, and they're not afraid to pick one side of an issue and stand on it—a quality that I greatly admire.

Last week, guitarist Jesse "the juicer" Pintado took time from watching CNN on his two days off in order to fill me in on what the guys have been up to, including the new Napalm Death album, "Inside the Torn Apart," scheduled for release June 3. (And, he used the word "killer" about 15 times in a 20 minute interview—is this my soul mate, or what??)

Alright, give me the inside scoop—why do they call you Jesse the Juicer?

Jesse: For drinking, I guess, it's got nothing to do with O.J. We toured with Crowbar, a European tour, and we had the Juice Crew Club for all the people that drank after the gig. It actually came from the singer from Righteous Pig. He's got a nickname for everybody. He's like, 'Man, before the gig and after the gig—you're always partying. You got the juice.'

What are you guys up to these days?

Jesse: We're on tour right now with Machine Head and Coal Chamber in Europe. We started a week ago, and we've got two shows in Sweden, one in Norway and ten in Germany. The record will be out in June, and then we'll start planning for the American tour in the summertime.

Any chance ya'll might do a few shows with Crowbar while you're here?

Jesse: I think they're probably gonna be finished with their tour and start working on some new stuff. It would be cool, but it depends on who's out, what tours are going, that sort of thing.

Is there anybody that you guys haven't toured with yet, but would like to?

Jesse: It could be countless bands that we really like. I don't know, just somebody in the same field of music and bigger than us. Something like Pantera, White Zombie or something like that, would be killer.

So, Barney left the band and ya'll got Phil from Extreme Noise Terror. Now, Barney's back in the band again. What happened?

Jesse: What really happened was on the last record, we did the longest tour we've ever done. We usually tour about eight months per record, but we break it up. We do two months in Europe, have a month off and so forth. But on the last record, we kind of went for it and did the whole shebang in eight months almost straight. Throughout the whole tour, it just seemed like Barney wasn't interested. I guess after being on tour for such a long time, we kinda noticed that he was hating all of this.

After Japan, he made it seem like he was more or less going to leave the band and go to college. The only thing we could do to sort of cover our asses was try to look for somebody new. We called Phil, he's an old friend of ours from ENT, and it looked like the perfect thing. All of the ideas fit really well, but when it came to actually doing it in the studio, he just couldn't do it physically. He got throat infections and he has asthma, and all these little bits and pieces were going against him. He just couldn't do it.



So we called Barney and said, 'Do you want to listen to the new stuff and see what you think?' He came down to the studio and said, 'Whoa, I'm blown away.' He liked the music and just straight away agreed to it. He's glad to be back in.

So what it basically came down to is just needing a break for a while.

Jesse: It almost seems like a marriage—separated for a little bit and then you kind of miss 'em. You realize, "Oh, s—t, we shouldn't get divorced. We really should work things out.' But his attitude just seems totally different. He's enthusiastic about it. It just seems like the old Barney, the Barney I know. Now he's just going for it; he's his usual self.

I know that the band itself obviously needs to be into it, but how important is the crowd reaction?

Jesse: It's important. Obviously, if you're playing a tough crowd, you actually try harder to get them moving. It's almost like a challenge. I think if it's a bad crowd, you get really picky and really detailed like, 'Oh, man, this show sucked because somebody made a mistake.' That's when it could lead to problems 'cuz you're like, 'You made a mistake, you a—hole, don't do it again.' But if the crowd was good, you would never say that. You'd just laugh about it. So it does help, obviously, if it's a killer crowd.

You moved from Los Angeles to the UK because of the band, but do you ever miss being on this side of the ocean?

Jesse: I go back and forth. I try to go at least twice a year to see my family and friends. My dad and my sister come to a few shows around California. Sometimes some of my friends will travel around when we're in that area.

I can't believe your dad actually goes to shows. Does he like the music?

Jesse: I guess he likes the fact that it works and stuff, and I'm into it and we're not starving or anything. I don't think he actually likes the music, well, I'm sure he likes bits and pieces, but I don't think he knows a lot about the scene. He just comes along to have a good time, really. He'll take a week off work and go to shows. It's hilarious.

How did the split EP with Coalesce come about?

Jesse: We met them in the states. They're straight edged—vegetarians and the whole shebang. I like their attitude because they don't push their views on people. They come to our shows, see beer and stuff, and obviously they don't partake, but they don't preach. There's a lot of bands that preach, and it just gets out of hand. Let people do whatever they want.

How'd you guys get involved with the Mortal Kombat soundtrack?

Jesse: It was weird. Earache told us about it, and then nobody talked about it for a year. Then all of a sudden, I was in LA and the movie came out, and they were like, 'Oh, you guys are on the soundtrack.' It was something that was mentioned and then got totally forgotten about, and then actually did happen.

Do you guys ever check out any of the websites people have on you? There's a ton of them out there.

Jesse: I'm actually pretty primitive with things like that. We just barely got cable TV a couple of months ago. We're not that high tech.

You might want to actually check some of this stuff out in about twenty years when ya'll catch up with this century. There's some killer Napalm sites out there.

Jesse: We actually talked about getting a computer and toying around. But it's time and stuff. Like right now, we just have two days off and then we have another month of tours. After that's over, we've got to plan out what we're doing in America for the summertime. It's actually about being around and having the time to do stuff like that.

Okay, this is a stupid question, but I still want to know. Do you ever get nervous when you play in front of a crowd?

Jesse: I sort of tend to get nervous when we do shows and I know a lot of people in the crowd, like LA. Only when really close friends are coming around, old buddies. I'm like, 'Oh, s—t, I hope we don't suck.' But if it's just a gig somewhere and we don't know anybody, it's not as tense.

How political are you guys these days?

Jesse: I think a lot of the lyrics are still pretty political, but not as direct as some of the older stuff. We're getting older, and it's more like, 'Do what you want to do, but do it right.' It's not so forceful as some of the early Napalm stuff. You don't have to point at people.

What's the craziest thing that's ever happened on the road?

Jesse: Crashing the bus into a bridge, and it kind of wrecked the whole roof of our double-decker in Europe. I think it was in Germany, an old bridge that didn't have a sign for the height, and the bus driver just went straight into it.

Or, one time this guy in Poland wanted to trade shoes. I'm like, 'Here's a pick.' He said, 'No, we must trade.' I'm like, 'Give me your address and I'll send you something.' He's like, 'No, no. We must trade. We will trade shoe.' I said, 'No, man, I like my shoes.' Man, he had these crusty ass Nike's. It was crazy.

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Our View

End of the line approaches for *Current Sauce* staff seniors

Considering three out of five members of the editorial staff is graduating we decided to share a last opinion with our readers. Looking back on the past four to six years we have spent at Northwestern, there have been many times when we have doubted why we chose NSU, however upon Graduation it's all coming through to us now.

No, we are not talking about the pretty gowns we will be able to put on May 16, not the cheap ribbons we get accessorize with, or the cheap frame and diploma that will hang on the wall, but the memories we will take with us to remind us of friendships, respect and times well spent with the faculty here at good old NSU.

"Yes, to admit the truth we will all get teary-eyed upon leaving"

Yes, to admit the truth we will all get teary-eyed upon leaving, but previous months have been wasted complaining about how bad conditions are here. The truth is we would have complained no matter where we accomplished our undergraduate studies. The reason for this is it's human nature to always live by the belief that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. Guess what? We are belly up on the fence now and this side doesn't look so bad.

We have discussed graduating since we completed registration our freshman semester, it may even go back to Freshman Connection. Now that we are only a little over a week away we are starting to feel like the coyote has caught the road runner, what do we do with it now? Many people will work on their Master's, many will go to work on the low end of the totem pole and many will do absolutely nothing at all. No matter what the graduates of Northwestern will do, we will all take many good memories with us. We like to think that they were all bad, but the truth is they are pretty good as opposed to what they could have been.

Many of us will take memories of drunken nights spent at fraternity houses, waking up in places where we have no idea how we got there, to spending times with friends at events such as football games and tailgate parties. Some of us will leave with memories of cramming for finals and sweating grades so we can stay off of academic probation. But we will all leave with memories, most of us with ones that will last for a lifetime.

So as we prepare the last paper from this staff we say to you the students, faculty and staff, "thanks." Not because you were a faithful reader, not because you paid your student association fees, but because you have helped make memories, whether they are good or bad, they are still ours for a lifetime. To the faculty thanks for taking time to hear our concerns about our future, and the staff for making it possible to pursuit a degree that will benefit our future endeavors.

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Managing editor looks back on past year and good friends

Guest Columnist
Sarah Crooks

21,840 minutes - at least. And that's just the Mondays.

That doesn't include the other hours during the week playing phone tag, doing interviews, writing stories, tracking down staff members and solving mini crises.

That's been my life this year as Managing Editor of the *Current Sauce*. As any other editor or staff member can tell you, Mondays were set aside strictly for working on the paper. Homework for other classes, soap operas, road trips and old friends were put on hold each week as I tried to track down photographers and reporters at the last minute.

I must admit, better planning on my part could have made things easier, but for some reason, the stress and imminent deadline made the job fun. Every Monday, at least one major problem would pop up.

Either the computers crashed, the printers wouldn't cooperate, reporters didn't finish their stories, photos weren't turned in or a scandal would break about 1 p.m.

It isn't easy being one of the people in charge when these things happen. Luckily, the other editors knew I had a tendency to stress and found solutions to weekly catastrophes. This is when they became my heroes. And when they found ways to make me laugh when I was ready to give up, they became my friends.

I wouldn't have made it through the year without Kevin who always seemed to have the right snack food on hand; lesa, who expanded my taste in music by making me listen to hers; Don, who always had some strange question that he needed answered and Adviser Steve Horton who found a way to point out exactly what we were doing wrong, without raising his voice.

But by far, the people who stand out the most are the four others who seemed to make 225 Kyser their home this year - Kenn, Philip, Tatum and Andrew.

Kenn taught me that many of life's lessons can be learned while watching wrestling and that with enough practice, you can talk anyone into anything. Philip proved that a "good ol' boy" from Winnfield can do just about anything- except teach someone from Jena how to ski. Tatum taught me that sometimes you do find a place where you really belong. And Andrew taught me that things shouldn't be taken too seriously. (There is always time to play a game of Marathon.)

But while making these friends and having fun, I learned as much, or more, about journalism during my three years on the *Current Sauce* than I ever did in class. This is a tip for all those journalism majors who like to critique the paper but never want to take a story assignment. Journalism is definitely a hands-on profession and there's no way to know if you'll like it or if you'll be good at it until you actually get involved. If nothing else, being a CS editor made me realize that the only criticisms about the paper that I respect come from those who have done their part.

I also learned that writing is the simplest thing in the world. All you have to do is put words on a page, but while writing, you must be willing to accept the consequences those words may cause. This is what makes journalism hard. Every word must be chosen carefully. Personal feelings must be set aside and the truth must be reported, but even so, be ready to defend your work. I've learned that telling the truth doesn't necessarily mean you are protected from criticisms or phone calls from angry readers.

If I knew 8 months ago what I know now, would I still have accepted the job? Absolutely. It has helped make me the person I am. Because in 10 days, I will have completed another goal and received my bachelor's degree. (Not bad for someone who packed up her crayons 17 years ago and quit Kindergarten.) And please don't ask me "What are you going to do now?" I'm still not sure, but I do know it will be worth the work I've done to get there.

Columnist bids final farewell and gives thanks

Guest Columnist
Kenn Posey

A final farewell. Some say good-byes are good. Some never say good bye. As for me, I am torn.

Northwestern has offered me many opportunities that I would have never been offered unless I came to Northwestern. I have many thanks to give upon graduation and some of them are definitely worth mentioning.

First, to my professors including Steve Horton and Scott Roach, when a professor is concerned about a student, the student can tell. Many faculty members have helped me during my stay here in Natchitoches. When a professor shows concern for students well-being out of the classroom, it definitely creates an everlasting impression. Few professors have the ability to tap into students unfound talent and drive to succeed, these two men definitely have. I feel that this says allot for professors whose students feel they can call their professors at home with a problem whether it is academically related or not.

Next my thanks goes to the unselfish devoted staff of the financial aid office. I know the long hours that is worked, and in many cases unnoticed. To my mother away from home Paula Robertson who has been there to listen to my personal and academic problems on a daily basis, you have definitely made Natchitoches more home-like. To Gil Gilson who works many 10 and 12 hour days to make sure students like myself, who could not afford to pay for school, had a way to pursue their degree. Mr. Gilson has definitely made me believe in the personal satisfaction one receives from his career, is more important than the amount of your pay check. A well deserved thanks goes out to Mr. Gilson for all of the students who you have personally helped to achieve their goal.

To the staff of the Current Sauce, it has been said that opposites attract, our group has definitely been blended well. We have been there for each other and hopefully will continue to be after graduation. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to have worked with such a talented group.

Finally to Northwestern, this place has supplied me with memories that I will cherish for a lifetime. This place has also provided me with the chance of knowing the best friends I could ask for. And most importantly this place brought me a chance to meet my wife, who is also my best-friend. To her, thanks for the unrelenting support you have given me, through good and bad times. I would never have made without you at my side.

All of these people assisted me in things that I have gained through my experience here. Many people have little idea how their future is affected when they choose their college, I am glad I made the right choice.

End of the road comes for burned-out columnist



The Bottom Line
Andrew Martin

Well, this is it.

The final in a long series of columns that have managed to offend, appall, disgust, and on occasion, draw praise.

This one, however, shouldn't do much offending at all.

Where to begin? I don't really know.

I guess I should touch on the University first. For a very long time I bitched, whined and moaned about almost everything. In my opinion, my tirades about many things were right and response from my peers reassured me of this.

But, despite all of my previous bitching, let me be the first to say that this school is headed for better days.

Yes, we are still spending $450,000 on bricks and shrubs but Dr. Webb has done a good job of listening to students and is trying to make things better, despite those who continue to naysay his efforts.

I wish that I were entering this University now, because, without b.s.'ing, I think that this school is on the verge of being something really special.

And to those who will say that the parking is terrible, the food selection is lame and the academics are sometimes wanting, I will say that yes, you are right.

However, there is no perfect university out there so you are better off just sitting down, shutting up and enjoying the ride.

It took me three and a half years to figure that out.

Secondly, I guess this paper and my role in it deserves some commentary. I think that many people thought that when I undertook this position that the Current Sauce was destined for disaster.

To be quite honest, after seeing the first two editions, I wasn't sure that my critics weren't going to be wrong. Much to their chagrin, though, my staff helped me get everything on track and so much of this paper's success is because of them.

Sarah Crooks, Tatum Lyles, Kenn Posey and Philip Wise were invaluable to me this year and none of of our successes would have been possible without them.

I would like to say "thank you" to them and to everyone else who wrote, edited, drew, delivered papers and kept the books.

I will say that working on the paper has been a huge learning experience. I have been chewed on, jeered at, and bitched at in what has been a relatively thankless job.

But, I have survived and I come away with some good experiences, some lifelong friends and a substantially thicker skin.

As for the future, I am LSU bound and hope to get my masters degree within a year because I can't afford for it to take much longer than that. With any luck, I will find some people down in Baton Rouge as good as those around here, though I somehow doubt how successful I will be.

Hopefully, there will be "old" people like me down there also.

I mean old as in not enjoying clubs like the Body or Woody's anymore. Somehow or another the charm of "booty music," tequila shooters and those fine DeKuyper beverages disappeared a long time ago. But, I'm not as "old" as some of the people that I know around here, as in those who sit around drinking diuretic teas and what not (you know who you are).

But at any rate, I guess this is all for me. I leave you all with an outstanding editorial team for next year, and I feel certain that they will continue to provide the student body with a good paper.

Good luck Tatum and Philip.

Goodbye Northwestern.

Good-bye letter to editors offers rare look at reviewer's softer side

When I sat on the Media Board last year, I had to make a decision between Andrew Martin and Sarah Crooks. It was tough because I knew either could do the job, but things were made easier because I knew that, no matter who got the position, both would stand behind me and give me the creative freedom I need.

Putting Sarah and I together is like asking God and the Devil to sit down at a table together and decide on a Sunday meal. Yes, there were times when we went head to head. But the one thing that kept us (or me) from tearing down the office is the fact that, no matter how much our views differed (and that's a lot), I always had respect for Sarah as a journalist, and a friend. I honestly believe that we've each been able to learn from the other. From me, I think Sarah learned that "weird" doesn't necessarily have to mean "bad." From her, I learned that one doesn't always have to go on a rampage just to get things done.

Andrew, on the other hand, has always been one of my heroes—or at least the closest thing to a hero that I'll ever have. He was never afraid to stand up and be counted, and I'll always respect him for that. Andrew made me feel like what I write matters. He trusted me to get the job done, and in the way that I wanted to do it. I consider him a soul mate of sorts, just for the fact that I always knew I'd have somebody in my corner who wasn't afraid to put it out there, and take a few knocks in return.

I don't intend to get too mushy here, (I have a reputation to look out for), but I will say this: My life, both as a journalist and a person, has been enriched by having Andrew Martin and Sarah Crooks in it,even if only for a short while. It's not without a buttload of emotion that I say to them now—goodbye my friends. I'll miss you both.

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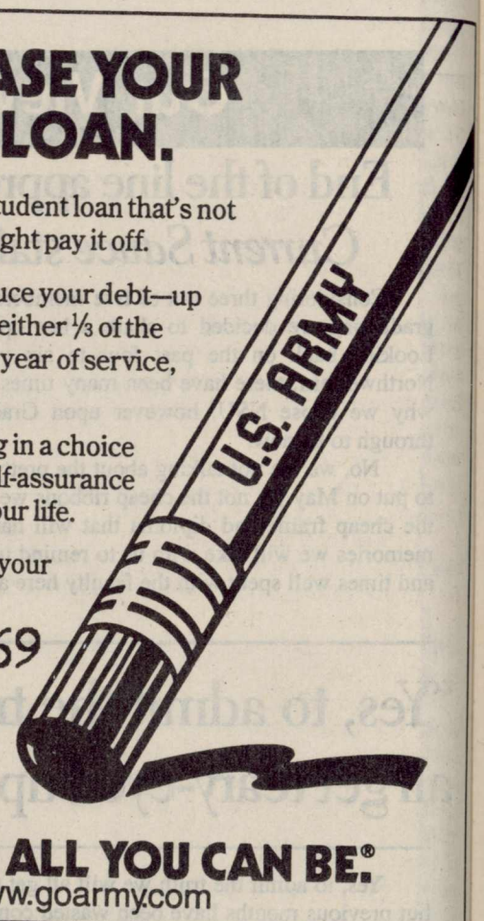
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Sports

Both Demon Track teams perform well at the University of Houston invitational

Terry Kilgore
Staff reporter

Northwestern Freshmen Lakeisha Henderson and Christal Traylor led a stellar effort by the Northwestern Track and Field team at the University of Houston Invitational track and field meet Saturday at Houston, Texas.

Henderson set the Northwestern State school record in the women's 400 meter hurdles, while Traylor won the 1500 meters. Henderson's time of 1:03.00 was good enough for fifth place and nipped the three-year-old mark of 1:03.01, set by Angela Penzi.

Traylor's personal best time of 4:42.23 led the pace in the women's 1500 meter race. Her time was less than a second off of the school record set earlier this year by teammate Malissa Carr. NSU's Molly Magill was third in this event with a time of 4:46.02 while also gaining a fourth place finish in the 3000 meter race with a time of 10:29.20.

Northwestern standout sprinter Ronnie Powell had his streak of sprint victories snapped at eight, but it took a world-class sprinter to do it. Powell's time of 10.31 was his second-best 100 meters of this track season, but it was only the second-fastest collegiate time in a race won by USA Olympian Mike Marsh of the Santa Monica Track Club with a time of 10.02. Collegiate track teams as well as professional track and field clubs are invited to this event.

Powell and Demon teammate Mike Cervantes anchored the Demon's winning 4x100 meter relay team that had a season-best time of 40.20. Cervantes also finished a very respectable eighth in the 100 meters with a season-best effort of 10.48.

Plenty of other Demon athletes turned in solid performances also. Freshman John Coleman had a second-place finish in the 400 meter dash with a time of 47.62. Another freshman, Lady Demon shot putter Tabitha Johnigan, was second in the shot put with a throw of 47-2 1/2. Also the Lady Demon 4x400 meter relay team came in second with a time of 3:52.35.

Freshman sprinter Shadashailia Thompson had season-best times in the 100 and 200 meter races. Her 100 meter time of 11.75 was good for third place while her time of 24.00 in the 200 was also third-best. The school record in the 200 of 23.98, set in 1993 by Marlene Carter, was almost broken by Thompson's season-best effort.

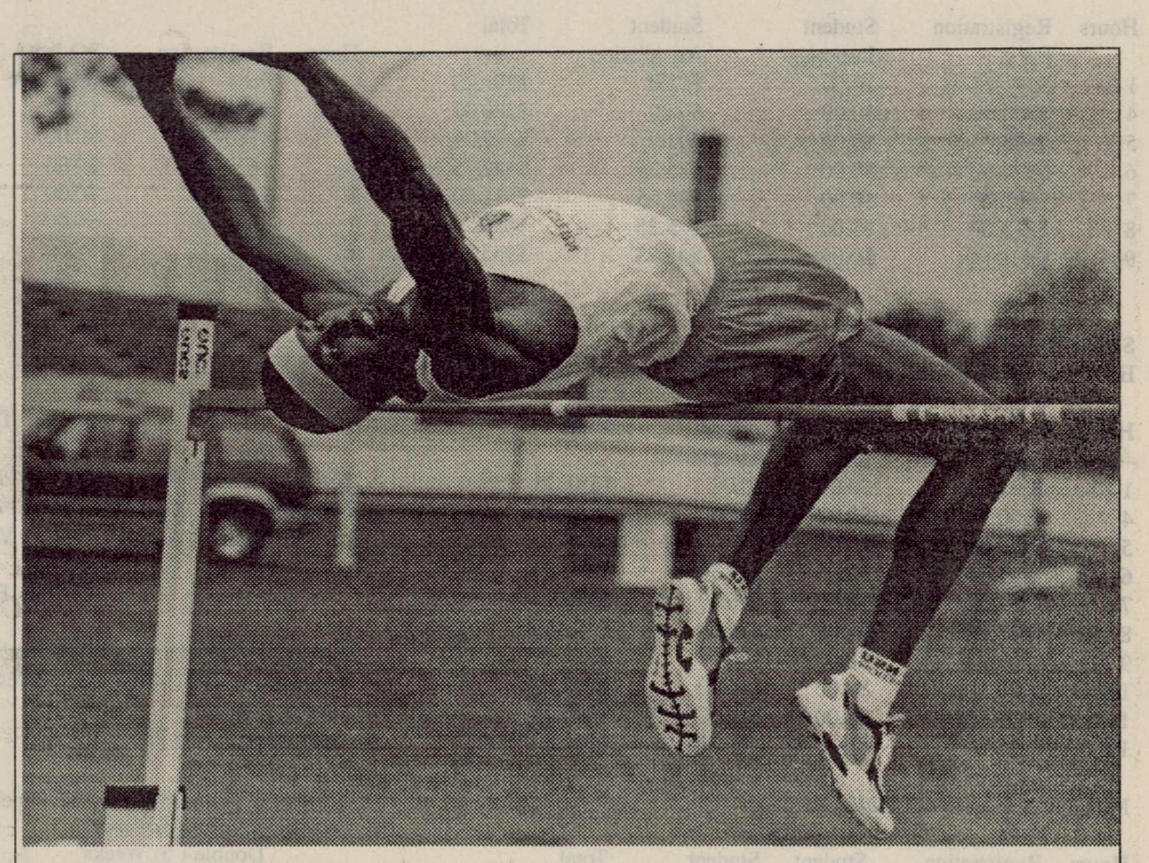
Freshmen continued to play a big part in the Demon effort as Regina Roe had a third-place finish in the women's javelin with a throw of 144-0. Another freshman, Jody Gowdy, was fourth in the women's 5000 meters with a time of 19:00.15, while teammate Julie Lessiter's time of 19:36.80 was good for seventh place.

Other NSU athletes who competed include Senior All-American high jumper Terrance Beam, who had a disappointing jump of 6-9 3/4, good for fourth place. Northwestern sophomore Kenta Bell also found himself in fourth place in the men's long jump with an effort of 23-7 1/4 and fifth in the triple jump with a mark of 47-8.

There were also some former Demons who excelled at this event. Four-Time Northwestern All-American triple jumper LaMark Carter, competing for the Powerade Athletic Club, was the winner with a jump of 55-9. Carter finished fourth in the triple jump at last year's USA Olympic Trials.

1996 Southland Conference shot put champion Mike Heimerman, another former Demon, finished second in the shot put with a personal best effort of 58-0 1/4. Senior Tom Casey was sixth in the shot and seventh in the discuss with efforts of 46-11 and 140-11, respectively.

This event is the last scheduled meet for the Demons prior to the SLC Championships two weeks from now in Huntsville, Texas.



Terrence Beane, all american high jumper, clearing the bar at the Northwestern invitational, two weeks ago.

photo by NSU New Bureau

Northwestern Lady Demon softball finishes third in SLC tournament

Sharon Delong
Contributing writer

The Lady Demons ended the season 26-29 and placed third in the Southland Conference tournament last weekend, hosted by top finishers Northeast. Northwestern's 12-10, fourth place conference finish is the first winning record since the 1992 season, when the Lady Demons finished 16-11 in the SLC under coach Rickey McCalister.

Northwestern State's Jennifer Owens retired 17 straight batters and Amber Welker delivered a fifth inning RBI single that made the difference in Northwestern's opening round 2-1 victory over McNeese State in the tournament.

Owens scattered four hits over 25 batters and allowed no earned runs to pick up the win. The victory was the ninth win in a row for the Haughton sophomore.

After three eventless Lady Demon innings, freshman Amber Welker nailed a single to left center. April Cook scored to pick up the game winning run.

Friday's tournament action placed the Lady Demons against Nicholls and Texas-San Antonio. Brandy Kenney led off Northwestern State's UTSA game with the first homer of the Southland Conference tournament as the Lady Demons shut out Texas-San Antonio 4-0. The NSU-Nicholls game was plagued by two rain delays, high winds and darkness, resulting in a 9-1 loss to Nicholls State.

Northwestern eliminated Texas-San Antonio to end their season 21-30, 12-15 in the SLC.

Although Northwestern took two of three games at the April 12-13 meeting with Nicholls, the Lady Colonels started the game with seven unanswered runs over Northwestern before the storm led to the first three hour delay. The game resumed for less than one inning until the torrential weather forced another thirty minute delay.

The Lady Colonel nine-run challenge began with a single by Jen Ford in the second. A pair of Lady Demon errors allowed for two runs and RBI singles by Jael Dugas and Lisa Guillory scored two more for a 4-0 lead.

Ford's third inning RBI double started the scoring again, followed by a two-run double by Dugas bringing the score to 7-0.

Northwestern managed one run off a passed ball in the bottom of the fifth, but the game ended because of the eight run rule.

Lady Demon pitcher Amber Welker (6-8) gave up three earned runs and six hits over two innings. Freshman Cindy Leggett entered on relief in the third and allowed six hits and three runs, one earned.

Later in the day against Texas-San Antonio, Kenney's homer ,her fifth on the season, gave the Lady Demons a 1-0 edge from the start. Sophomore first baseman Shante' Jones contributed two RBI singles and Becca Allen landed her first hit of the day in the fourth with a RBI double.

Sophomore pitcher Jennifer Owens allowed only four hits and struck out two over seven innings.

On day three of the tournament, Nicholls State notched a 4-3 tenth inning win over Northwestern State after rallying to overcome the Lady Demons' two-run lead in the final round before the SLC tournament championship game.

Northwestern captured a one run lead with a homer by Brandy Kenney at the top of the first and held it until Amy Berman nailed a RBI single in the sixth to tie the score 1-1.

The Lady Demons scored two runs behind a RBI double by freshman catcher Shannon Straty and a Linette Stuart's sacrifice fly in the top of the tenth.

In the bottom of the tenth, Berman came through again with a RBI single for the Lady Colonels, followed by Courtney Blade's game winning bases loaded two-run hit to right center.

Demons clinch fifth conference title with an 8-2 victory over NLU

Terry Kilgore
Staff reporter

The Northwestern State baseball team clinched the Southland Conference baseball championship with an 8-2 victory over Northeast Saturday at Indian Field. The win, which gave NSU its fifth conference title in the last seven years, came after losing the opening game of the doubleheader to the Indians 7-0.

"It was definitely a huge win for us," NSU Head Coach Dave Van Horn said of his team. "I am really proud of the way the team bounced back after dropping the first game. It was a excellent show of character."

The split by the Demons (35-20) earned them the SLC regular season title and the No. 1 seed in the SLC tournament.

Robert Hewes, who has been outstanding all season for the Demons, again was the catalyst for Northwestern with a 3-for-5 performance with two runs scored and one RBI. The win went to David Balcer (8-2), who went 3-2/3 innings in relief of starter Allen Davis.

The Demons finished the season with a conference record of 19-8 to go with their overall record of 35-20. Their finish earns them the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament to be held May 14-17 at Indian Field on the campus of Northeast Louisiana in Monroe. The top six teams in the conference make up the field in this double-elimination tournament with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the 1997 NCAA Baseball Championships.

The Demons had a relatively consistent season, getting off to a good start and maintaining their level of play throughout the season. A streak in which the Demons won 15 out of 16 was helped pave the way for their strong finish as they won 20 of their last 25 games.

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Just a Fan

Don Harper

It is touted as the "most exciting two minutes in sports." No it's not the AFC Conference Championship game between the Broncos and the Dolphins with the Broncos down by four at the two minute warning and Elway at the helm.

No it's not the last two minutes of the 1980 gold medal hockey game between the USA and USSR. Yes, it is considered "bad" by some religions. Yes, it does involve gambling. It's the Kentucky Derby.

The Kentucky Derby, the first leg of the original "Triple Crown," the grand slam of horse racing celebrated it's 123rd running this past weekend.

The field in this year's race was not looked on as record setting. None of the horses were given a lollipop's-chance-in-a-kindergarten-class of winning the Triple Crown. This year's race just turned out to be possibly the most exciting race in recent years.

Silver Charm took the photo finish beating a charging Captain Bodget by a head. An excellent race and yes it was a very exciting two minutes.

Now that I have given "The Derby" its do, let's talk about the stuff that just seems to turn my stomach when I watch something like this on TV.

I'll start easy and work my way up to what really irks me so stay with me here. First lets talk about what seems like 24-hour preview coverage of anything and everything that happens around Churchill Downs.

It seems like there is a reporter in every stall in the paddock. Dan Patrick just finished a hockey highlight on Sportcenter when he says lets go live to Churchill Downs and get the latest from Mike Torico.

"Thanks Dan, I've been with the race favorite Captain Bodget today and there seems to be nothing new," Torico says. "Oh wait Dan, here it comes, yes, Captain Bodget has just taken another dump. Back to you Dan." That's how bad it was from Friday night until post time.

The next thing that bothers me is the commercials. During the three hours prior to the derby and the hour afterward, the commercials shown on ESPN and ABC were useless. I couldn't afford the tires on the cars they were showing. Needless to say the target audience for the commercials wasn't me or anybody I know.

The target audience for those commercials must have been the owners of these prize thoroughbreds. I hope every one had an opportunity to see these people. They are straight from the set of "Days of Our Lives."

If you did not get to see the hat of the woman behind Silver Charm's owner I'm sorry. You would have dropped to the floor with laughter. It was a huge pink sombrero. I'm not joking. It was hilarious.

These people crack me up.Their underwear costs more than my car. They have bidets. Those are the potties that squirt water up to your... sorry, I'll stop there.

They have personal helicopters and butlers named Theodore. Remember, you have to say Theodore like Mr. Howell would. Theodooore.

The purse for the derby was $1 million. They don't care about that. One million dollars is what they paid to sleep in the Lincoln bedroom. Do you get my point? The Kentucky Derby is all about SEX!!! The race is not the issue.

Raise your hand if you have heard of the horse Cigar. O.K. if you haven't, he is a horse that won 17 or 18 races in a row and after last year, was retired to stud. What a life. Oooooh but there was a catch, dere was no seeds in dat dere punkin. There was no power to that punch. Sorry about your luck Mr. Richguy Owner. Ha Ha Ha.

My point is this, these horses are bred from the winners of the past. Seattle Slew and Secretariat, former winners of the derby, sired and grand sired some of these horses. And the owners got paid, not a million or two but 10 or 12 MILLION DOLLARS. That should put a down payment on that hat.

Maybe I should invest in horse sperm. I wonder if its a commodity on the market. I'm not an animal rights activist or anything near that but I do tend to have a slight problem with the bogusness of the whole derby thing. Let's call it the Dollar Derby from now on.

It was a beautiful thing in my eyes in the past and the actual two minutes of the race still are but I don't have time for all of the fake hoopla around it. Maybe I was naive before and didn't notice it.

I've said it before and I'll say it again. MONEY IS RUINING THE CHARACTER OF SPORT. I always start out trying to steer clear of that but I always end up in the same place. George, Abe, Andrew and Ben didn't invent the games, but they sure do control them.

I want to apologize to my one faithful reader before I go. Last week I was not a winner. I didn't do my best in writing my column. I sluffed off and tried to just turn something in .

Needless to say, my column was CRAP, so it was cut by the editor. I don't blame him and maybe my ego needed that. I will do my best to do better. I feel like a hypocrite. I guess we all fall once or twice. We just have to get back up and move on. Remember, a winner never quits.

Comment or questions? Just E-MAIL me at nshar0968@alpha.nsula.edu. Good luck during finals week. I'll be praying for you all.

I'll leave you this week with a quote from the afor mentioned Ben Franklin:

Most people die from the neck up at age 25 because they stop dreaming.

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8	$835.00	$0.00	$45.25	$880.25
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*Late Registration Fee	$15.00
*Application Fee	$15.00
Infirmary (Natchitoches - Required of all dorm students)	$10.00
DORMS Double (3)Weeks	$113.40
Double (5) Weeks	$189.00
Double (8) Weeks	$228.80
Double (9) Weeks	$340.20
Double (10) Weeks	$378.00
Double (12) Weeks	$453.60
Single (3) Weeks	$189.00
Single (5) Weeks	$315.00
Single (8) Weeks	$378.00
Single (9) Weeks	$567.00
Single (10) Weeks	$630.00
Single (12) Weeks	$758.00
Married Student Housing: One Bedroom-Per Month	$175.00
Two Bedroom-Per Month	$200.00
***Installment Plan Fee	$30.00

RETURNED CHECKS	FEES
Insufficient Funds	
(3 or more - Check Privileges Cancelled)	$10.00
Stop Payment	
(1 or more - Check Privileges Cancelled)	$20.00
Account Closed	
(1 or more - Check Privileges Cancelled)	$20.00

Refund Policy

A student who officially resigns on or before th last day to register for credit for each session will receive 100 percent credit to his account of all refundable fees. These fees include fees identified on the bill/statement as registration fees, out-of-state fees, laboratory fees, and student association fees. A student who officially resigns within two calendar days after the last day to register for each session will receive 50 percent credit to his account of all refundable fees identified on the bill/statement as registration fees, out-of-state fees, and laboratory fees. After this date, no refund or credit will be made. Dropped courses are not refundable at any time and will not be credited to a student's account. In some cases, the refund policy will result in a reduction of charges and not a "cash" refund.

Students receiving Title IV assistance (Federal Financial Aid) will be refunded according to revised Federal Regulations.

*Non-Refundable
**Student Insurance - Refundable only if requested in writing to the infirmary within the first two weeks after the opening date of the regular semester's registration with submission of proof of coverage under another policy. Part-time, students, off campus students, or students dependents may purchase the insurance through the infirmary.
***Installment fee - Payment in Full is required on scheduled fee payment date. Accounts not paid in full will be assessed a $30.00 Installment Plan Fee.

ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

THE PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR ALL FINANCIAL AID PAPERWORK IS MAY 1ST. ALL PAPERS SHOULD BE TURNED IN TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE, 109 ROY HALL

Notice
Dorm Room
Rate Increase
Summer 1997

Double Occupancy :	Old Rate	New Rate
3 weeks	$90.00	$113.40
5 weeks	$153.75	$189.00
6 weeks	$184.50	$226.80
9 weeks	$279.00	$340.20
10 weeks	$310.50	$378.00
12 weeks	$373.50	$453.60

Single Occupancy:	Old Rate	New Rate
3 weeks	$147.00	$189.00
5 weeks	$245.00	$315.00
6 weeks	$294.00	$378.00
9 weeks	$441.00	$567.00
10 weeks	$483.00	$630.00
12 weeks	$588.00	$756.00

Notice
Out of State Fee
Rate Increase Fall 1997

GRADUATE	Old Rate	New Rate
1-3 Hours	$0.00	$0.00
4 Hours	$405.00	$556.00
5 Hours	$506.25	$695.00
6 Hours	$607.50	$834.00
7 Hours	$708.75	$973.00
8 Hours	$810.00	$1,112.00
9+ Hours	$1,215.00	$1,668.00

UNDERGRADUATE	Old Rate	New Rate
1-3 Hours	$0.00	$0.00
4 Hours	$405.00	$556.00
5 Hours	$506.25	$695.00
6 Hours	$607.50	$834.00
7 Hours	$708.75	$973.00
8 Hours	$810.00	$1,112.00
9 Hours	$911.25	$1,251.00
10 Hours	$1,012.50	$1,390.00
11 Hours	$1,113.50	$1,529.00
12+ Hours	$1,215.00	$1,668.00

Notice
Dorm Room
Rate Increase
Fall 1997

	Old Rate	New Rate
Double Room	$490.00	$590.00
Single Room	$820.00	$990.00

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
NATCHITOCHES CAMPUS
SUMMER 1997
FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1997

11:30 AM	H
12:00 PM	I - K
1:00 PM	L
1:30 PM	M
2:30 PM	N - O
3:00 PM	P
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Q - R

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1997

11:30 AM	S
12:00 PM	T-V
1:00PM	W-Z
1:30 PM	A-B
2:30 PM	C
3:00 PM	D-E
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	F - G

FEE PAYMENT ENDS AT 4:30 PM EACH DAY

NOTE:
FEE PAYMENT WILL BE HELD IN PRATHER COLISEUM.
PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENTER AT ASSIGNED TIMES!

Students whose Fee Payment time conflicts with their class schedules ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THEIR SCHEDULED CLASS.

These students may pay their fees anytime AFIER their scheduled payment time, but not before their scheduled time!!!